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On Behalf Of:

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Re: HB #2396

My name is Nelson. I am a part of the Parkrose community and something you should know about the community is that we are all leaders that look for the best in any situation and we are a diverse community. I am taking an activism class where we have been learning about air quality and its harmful effects. I think speaking about issues affecting our community is important because many kids are affected negatively by air pollution. I am advocating for bill HB2396. I am for this bill because these mobile sites are constantly being put up and there should be regulation on the amount of diesel produced on the sites that are being put up in more diverse communities or even the prevention of these sites as a whole.

The reason I am addressing this problem is that I have personally had experiences where I have had to play a full 90-minute soccer match in smokey conditions and it made it a struggle to breathe towards the end of the game. This would also not be helpful for my lungs and their future since I'm just inhaling soot. I have opportunities to become a D1 athlete and I think that something out of my control shouldn't affect me and many people with aspirations of becoming an elite athlete. There are many other people affected by asthma who would be hindered from playing sports with the air pollution making it more difficult to breathe.

I am for HB2396 because there needs to be stricter regulations on an ongoing problem that is affecting the broader population of Portland. This is a problem that needs to be addressed and it needs more attention. Thank you for your time and consideration.