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Re: HB 2396

Hello, my name is Annalena Barrie. I'm from Parkrose high school. I'm writing this as part of the activism class we have at parkrose as a way to help protect our families and our neighborhood's health. This is why we're here to talk about the HB 2396 "indirect source bill" this is so important to our community specifically. Because in an eyeshot of our school, there's an abandoned Kmart, which will soon become a warehouse.

This is relevant to the bill because as you know Oregon ranks 44 on pollution in the US states and the US is ranked 1st on the rate of pollution per person. And after we backed out of the Paris agreement me and my class are just trying to do our part. And it's hard to do that when you can hardly see the sky through smog or for a lot of us to breathe. I'd like to see you try giving a speech while only breathing through a straw this is the life of so many with asthma its been known for a while that uncontrolled asthma causes airway remodeling, which is the permanent narrowing airways all too similar to COPD as well as chronic and uncontrolled inflammation of Airway and lungs and if you think asthma is the only side effect of pollution let me ask you to look into silica poisoning or silicosis, asbestos-related diseases, lung cancer.

And with the new RSV outbreaks, this causes a much higher exposure to their diseases due to injury of the lungs, and if lung injury sounds familiar let's remember how much of our elderly community has permanent damage due to covid. This will get worse if we don't take steps to stop it right now because the numbers are rising much too quickly not to worry. So I thank you for reading this, and taking my community and family into account when voting on HB 2396 and other pollution bills I hope will come in the future.