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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB2396

Hi! My name is Justin Santos and I am the Junior Class President of Parkrose High School. I am here today to enlighten you on an issue that has been affecting my peers, family and community. I am strongly encouraging you to support HB2396 for we have been ignored for far too long.

Serving my community I've learned that our community is small but mighty. When there is an issue that affects any of our community, we bring light to that issue and we make sure our voices are heard. I am here today to voice my concerns about a distribution center that will be replacing our old abandoned K-Mart, which is right next to Parkrose High School. The air that we breathe right now is bad as is, Parkrose High School is right by a highway that leads to the airport, meaning tons of cars and traffic flow affecting the air all around us. Me and plenty of my classmates are athletes, soccer, football, track, tennis, baseball the list goes on. Air pollution reduces athletic performance, especially to those who have asthma. I cannot let my community be affected by the air we breathe for much longer for this doesn't just affect the students attending school right now. But affects future generations and many more to come.

Again, I strongly encourage you to support HB2396. For me and my community want an environment where we breathe clean and healthy air. I want to see Parkrose athletes prosper and grow without having that struggle to breathe. Help us achieve this goal now before it is too late, for many generations' futures are on the line. Thank you for your time, and I hope this sticks to you.