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Re: HB-3031

March 6, 2023

I am a retired Lutheran pastor who served Redeemer Lutheran, 20<sup>th</sup>/NE Killingsworth Ave in Portland, for over thirty years, from 1981-2013. As an active member of MACG our congregation regularly participated in actions for street clean ups, housing rehabs and affordability, and climate issues such as "Changing the Climate in Cully."

Currently I am an active member of Resurrection Lutheran, 1700 NE 132<sup>nd</sup> in east Portland. This congregation is actively participating in MACG alongside Sheet Metal Workers Local 16 as well as seventeen other faith institutions and seven community-based organizations. Together we seek to work on issues for the common good.

Quality ventilation and circulation in our public schools is a critical health and environmental issue. Vernon School, directly across the street from Redeemer Lutheran (Now Leaven Community/Salt and Light Lutheran), has been tagged as needing ventilation upgrade by PPS assessments done a few years ago. While Vernon is in a much more affluent area now, in the years I served at Redeemer it was one of the poorer schools in Portland. It is an old building. A parent at my former church whose daughter attends Vernon, told me that during the cold winter a year ago, the students were asked to wear hats, mittens, and coats during class because they had to keep the windows open for ventilation! This is not acceptable.

For the sake of Vernon and many schools like it, for the sake of the children trying to learn in frigid classrooms, please support HB-3031.

Thank you.

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