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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General  
Government, and Veterans

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3062

Dear Chair Tran, Vice-Chair Grayber, Vice-Chair Lewis and Committee Members Boice, Evans, Skarlatos and Watanabe,

Hello, name is Niharika Panjala and I am a student at University of Oregon. When I'm not in school, me and my family call Portland home. I am writing today to voice my support for HB 3062, which will establish public health protections in our land use system. I support HB 3062 because it protects families, the unhoused, and people like my little brother in high school from being overexposed to harmful chemicals and health implications.

HB 3062 is a forward thinking bill that ensures healthy communities are part of the long range economic plan in Oregon. Too often when industrial and residential zones meet, the real needs of community and public health take a backseat to perceived barriers to industry and we end up with inconsistent and contradictory decisions that confuse businesses and harm people.

Economic growth should not come at the expense of community health and well-being. By modernizing our land use planning system, HB 3062 will help Oregon build a future where both businesses and communities can thrive responsibly. I urge you to support this important legislation.

Sincerely,  
Niharika Panjala, Eugene