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Chair Tran, Vice-Chair Grayber, Vice-Chair Lewis, and members of the House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on HB 3062.

Please support HB 3062.

I live near The Dalles, which experienced air quality and ground contamination issues from poorly sited industries that were incompatible with the surrounding neighborhoods. These included the railroad tie plant and the aluminum plant.

Toxic coal-tar creosote fumes from the AmeriTies West plant caused serious health issues for residents due to the naphthalene. This was in addition to the offensive odor. Some of the health effects of naphthalene include elevated cancer risk and brain damage in infants. As a result, many people living nearby sold their homes and moved.

Steps were taken to reduce the pollution from the tie plant but it may still pollute to some degree according to DEQ.

The former Martin-Marietta Aluminum plant released hazardous chemicals into the soil and groundwater. These included cyanide, asbestos, and arsenic among others.

Please help prevent other communities from experiencing the effects of poorly sited industries. Keep hazardous industrial facilities out of neighborhoods.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sheila Dooley