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To

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

## Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

Date: February, 19, 2025

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 3062. As President of Rogue Advocates, a Southern Oregon non-profit, we've protected farms, forests, and communities for over a decade. Our experience in land use advocacy has shown us the need for this legislation.

Our work with rural communities and local governments has highlighted the challenges of inadequate offsite impact analysis. The current framework fails to evaluate and mitigate conflicts between industrial uses and sensitive areas, leading to preventable conflicts that burden communities and industrial operators.

HB 3062 offers three key benefits:

First, it sets a clear framework for evaluating compatibility near sensitive uses. This allows local governments to make informed decisions, reducing costly conflicts and appeals. We've seen these issues arise repeatedly in local jurisdictions.

Second, it promotes proactive planning over reactive mitigation. Requiring offsite impact analysis before approval helps address issues like air quality and transportation safety. This approach aligns with sound land use planning, protecting community interests and development certainty.

Third, it supports sustainable economic development without compromising community health and safety. The bill shows we can grow the industry while protecting community well-being through thoughtful planning. Our experience in land use appeals has shown that clear standards benefit all stakeholders.



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This legislation doesn't force a choice between industrial growth and community harm. Instead, it gives local governments the tools to make informed decisions that benefit industry and residents. By setting clear standards for compatibility analysis, HB 3062 streamlines development while protecting community interests.

I strongly urge the committee to support HB 3062. This bill offers a balanced approach to addressing a significant gap in our land use system. It will benefit both Oregon's communities and its industrial partners.

Sincerely

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