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On Behalf Of:

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Dear Chair Tran, Vice-Chair Grayber, Vice-Chair Lewis, and members of the House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans, thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 3062. I strongly support this bill. I live very close to a vacant lot on SE 17th Ave across from the TriMet garage. The future of that lot is unknown, and the residential neighbors bordering that property will have little to say about its eventual buyer. We would like to see affordable housing, but who knows what will bring the price that the owners want for it? I'm using it as an example. Fortunately, it is probably too small to attract an industrial use. But there are many other underutilized commercial and industrial parcels within or adjacent to residential areas in the Brooklyn and adjacent neighborhoods that could cause problems under the current zoning.

Please give HB 3062 serious consideration. I believe it is a better approach to this problem than a complete overhaul of the existing zoning. It sets forth a fair process that will help prevent situations like the warehouse approved under current zoning for construction near quite near the Parkrose School.

Thank you, Wesley Ward

am writing to urge you to vote in support of this bill.

I am an Oregonian who supports HB 3062, which will positively affect the way my community decides where to locate industry, schools, homes, hospitals, and care facilities and what we can do if they are located next to each other. This bill gives my community an important tool to make sure neighborhoods come with common-sense protections when industry and communities become neighbors.

I want Oregon to help communities like mine plan for and address the impacts that we experience when industrial and residential uses immediately border one another. Companies in an industrial corridor feel the negative effects when a city decides to zone or rezone residential development in the area without an impact analysis or mitigation plan. It also can pose dangers for people living in that future residential development. When a town decides to zone an industrial site near a school without understanding and preventing negative impacts on students, teachers, and the school community, both the future company and the school community grow more and more frustrated with each other.

We need a solution to prevent the dangers and hazards stemming from thoughtlessly placing industries near schools, homes, hospitals, and care facilities and vice versa. This legislation responds to this issue and enables us to accomplish thoughtful, intentional community planning. I hope you will support HB 3062 as a reasonable solution that helps both industries and everyday Oregonians pursue their best futures.

Thank you for considering my comments and allowing this opportunity for public input.