



Honorable Thuy Tran

Chair, House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

RE: HB 3062 - Relating to industrial development impact on sensitive uses of land; declaring an emergency

Dear Chari Tran, and members of the committee,

I am writing to voice the City of Dallas' opposition to HB 3062. This bill places unnecessary regulatory burdens on the development of industrial land across Oregon, particularly in rural communities like Dallas. This bill creates additional regulations that will have an adverse impact on job creation and development in our city.

Dallas has development code criteria in place that addresses potential negative health impacts caused by smoke, dust, noise, light glare, etc. that may be associated with industrial development. The new requirement requiring a developer to submit a public health impact analysis will only increase the time and cost of developing these lands, and it will make Dallas, and Oregon, less competitive for future job creation opportunities.

Almost all of Dallas' industrial land, including our former Mill Site, is within 1,000 feet of 'sensitive uses', as described in the bill. The City has made great strides working with the Mill Site property owner to market this site and bring jobs back to Dallas. House Bill 3062 would only further complicate the process and make it more expensive for this development, and other future opportunities in our city. I urge you to oppose this bill and help keep Oregon competitive for development.

Lastly, the requirement for cities to map our sensitive lands as part of the Economic Opportunities Analysis is unnecessary as our zoning maps already contain most of the information needed to address public health impacts of proposed industrial developments. Unless the legislature intends to pay cities for this mapping work, this requirement is a thinly veiled unfunded mandate imposed upon the cities, and should be removed from the bill.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Latta", is written over a horizontal line.

Brian Latta,
City Manager