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My name is Ethan.J, and I am a part of the Parkrose community. Something you should know about my community is, we strive for change. The healthy community act supports clean air in my community's health and wellbeing. I take my dog on daily walks around 122nd and already have to avoid the hazards lying around in portland. The healthy community act supports me and my dog's health in keeping our community from being polluted more than it already is. This is why I am asking you to support HB3062.

HB3062 keeps businesses in communication with the people of the community. This is important because it involves the business affecting our (and other) communities with the issues that they bring upon us. In my community we face an issue with the Prologis trucking center being built after the Kmart burned down. After the huge fire in 2023, that polluted Parkrose and neighboring communities for weeks, the entire community had hoped to find a silver lining in the fact that something beneficial for the community would have been built in place of the Kmart. Unfortunately to everyone's disappointment we were told our community would be polluted even more by an industrial trucking company about a hundred feet from the high school. The people of parkrose had no voice against Prologis. If we give the community a voice against businesses seemingly bigger than we are, we can work to keep our community up to our standards, not theirs.

The healthy community act would create a safe environment where the people's affairs are heard before the wants of industrial companies. If you support HB3062 you are directly supporting me and my dog's health.

Thank you Chairwoman Pham and members of the committee for listening.

sincerely, Ethan. J