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Hello, my name is Haley Kishimoto, and I am a part of the Parkrose community, working in my English Activism class at Parkrose High School. My community is full of active people who frequently spend their time outside, helping the community, or participating in some type of activity. I am here to stand in support of the HB3062 bill. I believe it is a great opportunity to help address and change the impacts we have on the climate. I believe it has the potential to help my community continue the things they like to do by maintaining air quality, preventing the development of potentially harmful facilities, and supporting our general safety.

With the help of my school life, I happen to spend a good amount of time outside or going places. Many of my peers tend to do the same, whether it's going out for lunch across the street, or participating in sports and other extracurriculars that involve going outside. I have personally been fascinated by nature ever since I was young, being able to look up and see the tall pine trees and hearing the swarms of birds in the sky. I love seeing the flowers in bloom in a crisp, clean environment.

Unfortunately, with the way things are today, these beautiful moments tend to dwindle as the world gets more polluted. Instead, we are forced to feel the pollutants in our lungs. We see the smog filled skies. Those with respiratory issues like asthma will struggle, with the risk of an attack any day. That's why I stand by anything that can help preserve the qualities of our environment- because not doing so allows our planet to sink deeper and deeper into pollution and slowly diminishes the health of our people.

By supporting this bill, it can provide good compromises that support the economy, while still keeping the city safe from harmful developments. It keeps cities conscious of the potential impacts that industries may pose, which in turn protects the environment and the community inside it. This bill provides a step that keeps us accountable with our carbon footprint, and I believe that this can go a long way in the future. So my wish is that you support this bill, not just for the environment, but for the local communities. The ones who spend their time outside, the ones who need the fresh, clean air, and the ones who cherish the earth. Thank you for your time, and I hope my words stuck with you today.

Sincerely, Haley Kishimoto