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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3062

Hello, my name is Du Hung.Hau and I am a student at Parkrose High School, proud to be part of the Parkrose community. I am here today to express my strong support for House Bill 3062, the Healthy Communities Act, and I urge you to support its passage.

This issue is deeply personal to me. In our community, I have witnessed the adverse effects of industrial pollution on the health and well-being of my peers and neighbors. For instance, a close friend developed severe asthma after a manufacturing facility began operations near our school. This experience opened my eyes to the pressing need for stricter regulations on industrial development near sensitive areas like homes, schools, and care facilities.

Research supports these concerns. A study examining the impact of industrial pollution found that exposure to pollutants from industrial activities significantly increases mortality rates, underscoring the detrimental effects on human health. Additionally, evidence indicates that students attending schools within close proximity to industrial sites face challenges that can hinder their academic performance and overall well-being.

The Healthy Communities Act (HB 3062) proposes essential measures to protect our communities by establishing robust health and environmental safeguards for industrial developments near sensitive areas. By supporting this bill, you have the opportunity to prevent further health issues and ensure a safer environment for all Oregonians.

I urge you to support HB 3062 to protect the health and future of our communities. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Du Hung.Hau