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Testimony in Support of HB 3062 & Opposition to HB 3119/SB 509 & the Truck Stop in Parkrose

Good morning, Representative Thuy Tran and members of the committee. My name is Hanibal , and I am a high school student from the Parkrose community. I am here today to urge you to support HB 3062, which would help reduce air pollution and protect the health of our communities. At the same time, I strongly oppose HB 3119 and SB 509, as these bills would allow more pollution in neighborhoods like mine, putting public health at risk. Additionally, I am here to speak out against the proposed truck stop in Parkrose, which would further endanger the air we breathe and the well-being of my community.

Parkrose is a diverse and vibrant community, but we are already struggling with poor air quality due to nearby industrial activity and heavy traffic. Now, with the proposal for a new truck stop in our neighborhood, things could get even worse. Diesel emissions from idling trucks release dangerous pollutants that increase asthma, lung disease, and other respiratory problems—especially for children and elders, who are the most vulnerable.

Families in my neighborhood, including mine, have seen loved ones struggle with asthma and other health issues made worse by pollution. The proposed truck stop would bring constant traffic from heavy-duty trucks, leading to even more toxic diesel exhaust, noise pollution, and safety concerns for pedestrians and students. This isn't just an environmental issue—it's a public health crisis waiting to happen.

Instead of adding more pollution to Parkrose, we should be investing in solutions that improve our air quality, protect public health, and create green spaces for families to enjoy. A truck stop does not belong in a residential community where people live, go to school, and raise families.

That is why I am urging you to support HB 3062—a bill that holds polluters accountable and promotes cleaner, healthier air for all Oregonians. This legislation is a step in the right direction toward protecting our environment and public health. On the other hand, HB 3119 and SB 509 would weaken air quality protections and allow industries to pollute more freely, putting our health at risk. These bills prioritize corporate interests over the well-being of communities like Parkrose, and that is unacceptable.

I also ask you to reject the proposed truck stop in Parkrose. Our community should not be used as a dumping ground for pollution-heavy projects that harm our health. We need investments in clean energy, sustainable transportation, and safer infrastructure—not more diesel fumes and health risks.

I ask you to stand with us—support HB 3062, reject HB 3119 and SB 509, and say NO to the truck stop in Parkrose. Our health and our future depend on it. Please take action to protect Parkrose and communities across Oregon from increased pollution. The choices you make today will shape the health and well-being of generations to come. Thank you for your time and for considering the voices of young people who care deeply about this issue.

sincerely,

Hanibal Hadgu