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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3062

Dear Chair Tran, Vice-Chair Grayber, Vice-Chair Lewis, and members of the House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans, thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 3062. I am writing to ask you to vote in support of this bill.

I am a Portland and Parkrose neighborhood resident who supports HB 3062, because I've seen existing zoning laws fail to protect my local community from having a distribution warehouse built adjacent to numerous apartment residences and within walking distance of my child's high school. This bill provides an important tool to make sure neighborhoods have protections when industry and communities become neighbors.

Other small towns in Oregon may face similar issues because their land is less expensive and attractive to industry and may not have not had as rigorous protections built into their zoning laws. I want Oregon to help communities like mine plan for and address the impacts that we experience when industrial and residential uses immediately border one another. The Planning for Healthy Communities Act coalition has confirmed that these protections are not uniform throughout the state. HB 3062 would help protect communities most vulnerable to less thorough zoning considerations.

This legislation responds to this issue and enables Oregon to accomplish thoughtful, intentional community planning. I hope you will support HB 3062 as a reasonable solution that helps both industries and everyday Oregonians pursue their best futures.

Thank you for your consideration of my public input.