

To: House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans  
Subject: Support for HB 3062  
Date: February 21, 2025

Dear Chair Tran, Vice-Chair Grayber, Vice-Chair Lewis, and members of the House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans,

My name is Sage Miller and I am a **third year environmental science major at Willamette University** and a Salem resident. I am writing in support of HB 3062 to protect regional communities from the **harmful impacts of industrial development near homes, schools, hospitals, and other vulnerable locations.**

Oregon's current land use system does not require cities and counties to consider the public health and environmental justice impacts of industrial siting decisions. This means that communities—especially those that are low-income or BIPOC—are often **forced to live with pollution, noise, traffic hazards, and environmental degradation without having a say in the process.** HB 3062 is a much-needed update that will bring certainty, fairness, transparency, and public health considerations into land use decision-making.

This bill is much needed in our community to prevent more incidents like the **establishment of the Covanta Marion Incineration Facility less than half a mile from Chemeketa Community College.** Until 2025, this facility reportedly produced 162,437 metric tons of greenhouse gases in 2019, and there is **no safe level of exposure** of the pollutants released. As a college student myself I rely on a clean and safe environment to ensure the quality of my health and learning.

As a concerned citizen **I worry about the lack of care for the health and safety of students** in public schools, **families** at parks and **marginalized neighborhoods** in general. We need to ensure that the community has a voice and that the local government and industrial applicants **evaluate the environmental justice impacts before approving** industrial projects near sensitive areas.

Economic growth should *not* come at the expense of community health and well-being. By modernizing our land use planning system, HB 3062 will help Oregon build a future where **both businesses and communities can thrive responsibly.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Sage Miller