

April 3, 2025, Public Hearing

Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 3062

I live in Eugene, Oregon near where the J.H. Baxter creosote plant is located. I was part of a team of people that FINALLY forced it to close in 2022. It poisoned the nearby neighbors with dioxins in their soil that DEQ and EPA are now helping to clean up – at the cost to us taxpayers in millions of dollars. It may soon become a Superfund site... They have also found neighbors and their pets with cancer.

HB 3062 would ensure that polluting businesses aren't located near sensitive areas. Human life and health is "The Oregon Way".

I am including a few articles for you to check out about J.H. Baxter closing and the harm it did to the neighborhood:

<https://www.registerguard.com/story/news/environment/2022/01/26/jh-baxter-plant-shutting-down-eugene-operations-jan-31-history-pollution-dioxins-hazardous-waste/9228050002/>

<https://www.klcc.org/2022-06-02/months-after-its-closure-a-cloud-still-hangs-over-j-h-baxters-eugene-plant>

<https://www.opb.org/article/2024/08/06/jh-baxter-cleanup-eugene/>

Thank you,
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