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To: Comp Plan Map Refinement Project <cpmaprefinement@portlandoregon.gov>

Subject: Portland Comprehensive Rezoning Plan

Dear City of Portland - With respect to the proposed removal of the buffer from 2425 NW St Helens Rd, I would urge you to please reconsider. It provides an important buffer to our residential area by blocking industrial noise and providing much needed air quality refinement from the pollution generated in the industrial area. It also is critical to control erosion and provides critical slope stabilization to the NW Willamette Heights Neighborhood.

This issue was fought out between residents of my neighborhood and industrial developers about fifty years ago. The City came to an agreement that the area east of Blackline would be preserved as a buffer to prevent noise and air pollution and to help prevent my neighborhood from sliding during rain and seismic events.

The idea that an entity such as the City of Portland would make an agreement and then years later renege on it is deeply disturbing and will wither the trust that we have in our local government. To compare it to national politics it is tantamount to the United States withdrawing from the Paris Climate Accords, just because our new administration didn't like it. Agreements with nations and with neighborhoods ought to remain immutable. Without that there is no trust and therefore no reason to live in community. I am deeply disturbed that we are revisiting this issue.

On the second issue in my neighborhood, 2135 NW 29th AVE, I have no real issues with removing that buffer provided the roads connecting NW St Helens to our neighborhood remain blocked off. Access to this block area if developed ought to be from either side but not connected. St Helens and industrial traffic ought to remain somewhat separated and buffered from residential.

To sum, Residential and Industrial ought not be directly connected. I'm not asking for much, indeed the buffer between my street and NW St Helens is just a thin strand of trees, but even that makes a big difference. Please honor your agreement with the people of my neighborhood.

Attached. Picture of buffer zone between NW 32nd AVE and NW ST Helens.

Sincerely,
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