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Planning and Sustainability Commission  
1900 SW 4th Ave, Suite 7100  
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**RE: City of Portland 2035 Comprehensive Plan – Addressing Light Pollution**

Every year we lose a little piece of our night sky. Light pollution affects all of us.

Wouldn't it be amazing by 2035 that our children could look up into the sky from Portland and see the Milky Way?

Portland can announce to the world that we are going to reclaim our night sky and be a trendsetter by being the first major metro area to require tough lighting laws in accordance with <http://darksky.org/>

The dark sky map located here shows how light pollution affects our night sky:  
<http://djlorenz.github.io/astronomy/lp2006/overlay/dark.html>

If you go in on Portland you can see how pollution is affecting our night sky. If we could reduce the red area to yellow the Milky Way would be visible in our skies.

Please require lighting design and encourage lighting practices that reduce the negative impacts of light pollution, including sky glow, glare, energy waste, impacts to public health and safety, disruption of ecosystems, and hazards to wildlife in current Policy 4.28.e.

Sincerely,



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Rose City Astronomers