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To the Mayor and city commissioners

Re: plan for inner SE industrial zone

I have lived in SE Portland for many years and have valued the protection offered to keep light industry in our neighborhood, which provides good paying blue collar wages. I've spoken to some of the business owners who explained to me their difficult situation, and understand that the fight to preserve this central working class neighborhood has been lost.

There is more to a city than bike lanes and green spaces. I had believed that Portland was different than cities like New York, Seattle, or San Francisco, and would maintain this special and valuable part of our city. I now see that like the rest, your goal is really to get more property taxes; the difference being that Portland government is more sanctimonious by far.

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