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**Zoning Code Amendment for Hazardous Substances in the Environmental
Overlay Zone
Hearing**

Testimony of Rebekah Creswell, Portland resident

My name is Rebekah Creswell, I have been a resident of Portland for four years. I appreciate living in Portland for many reasons – the city is progressive in it's politics; the local economy is vibrant and inspiring; it is a concentration of art and creativity; with the multiple colleges and universities it is booming with learning and knowledge of science; and I love the river and spending time in all of the natural areas in Portland and the surrounding areas. I have grave concerns regarding the local impacts of the proposed propane export terminal by Pembina Pipeline Corporation.

It would seem obvious that the method of obtaining propane as a byproduct of hydraulic fracturing is disastrous. It would seem obvious that the risks of transporting gas on through communities are heinous. And it would seem obvious that the end result of global warming due to relying on the burning of fossil fuels for energy is devastating. The concept that corporations would happily bleed a profit from these practices at the expense of every other living creature on the planet is depraved and the idea the City of Portland would concede is more than worrisome. With my brief testimony, I would like to bring to light yet another consideration for the Planning and Sustainability Commission:

I work as a Registered Nurse in a non-profit community health center. My clinic primarily serves non-English speaking migrant field workers. There is a massive agricultural industry surrounding Portland, which greatly contributes to the wealth and bloom of the city. It is powered by the workers. The threat of the proposed propane export terminal is a threat against the physical safety of the workers. With rising temperatures and increased toxicity of air, water, and land their lives are in danger. They are my patients and I have a moral and ethical obligation to advocate for them. I implore the Commission to consider the physical safety of people who work hard under the sun to put ingredients on the plates of Portland restaurants when making the recommendation to approve or deny changes to Portland's zoning codes. I implore the Commission to play a role in protecting my patients from harm by recommending rejection of zoning modifications that would allow transport of propane via pipeline through the protected riparian areas along the Columbia River.

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