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Planning and Sustainability Commission
1900 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 7100
Portland, OR 97201

RE: Proposed Pembina Export Facility

Dear Commissioners,

The Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber (HMC) supports the zoning code amendment for hazardous substances in the environmental overlay zone. This is a change that will enable job creation and small business vending opportunities in association with the proposed Pembina propane export facility at the Port of Portland's Terminal 6.

The existing zoning code permits the transport of hazardous substances across the environmental overlay zone by truck or rail. Pembina proposes to traverse the overlay zone with an elevated piping system that connects its storage tanks with ships at berth. This would appear to have no significant effect in the intent of the current zoning code and is a harmless method of transport. Adding this form of transport strikes us as largely a clarification.

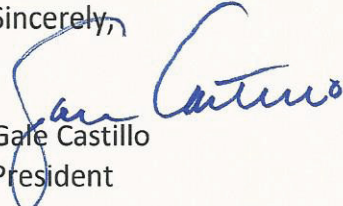
We appreciate the importance of asking good questions about the safety and community benefits of this proposed project. We have been impressed by Pembina's excellent safety record and its safety-first culture, as well as by its commitment to use local men and women in the construction and operation of its facility and local small businesses to provide goods and supporting services.

HMC has also been impressed that Pembina is **not asking local taxpayers to subsidize its operation**. Its \$500 million investment will generate up to 800 construction jobs, 40 permanent, full-time jobs, \$12 million or more in local property taxes and \$25 million in annual economic activity. This is a good deal for Portland and deserves our community support.

The zoning code amendment is an important first step in welcoming Pembina to Portland.

We urge your support of this important project.

Sincerely,



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