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Testimony to **Portland City Council** on the **Environmental Overlay Zone Map Correction Project, Recommended Draft**

Dear City Leaders, If you know Oregon history you already know our most beloved leaders were visionary environmentalists from different political parties and diverse backgrounds. And of course you know that Portland is known for being weird and also green. I voted for you because I believed in your commitment to future generations and their need for a healthy Portland that protects habitat for all life forms. Be the Lorax! Think of the most vulnerable and protect their space too. We are in the biggest die-off humans have ever known! The most vulnerable have no voice because they aren't human but they still deserve to live in a healthy ecosystem. So protect Portland's streams, wetlands, steep slopes, forests, and woodlands from development. Do it for all living beings! It benefits human life as well. It's a win-win that transcends political divisions. And it's the only way we will still be able to keep what little habitat the City's non-human life forms have and give them a chance. Please update the Ezone maps to show you are good stewards of Portland's treasured green spaces and also to ensure the City meets its own natural resource protection policies. Thank you. Celeste Colasurdo

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