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Hello,

I am writing to express my thoughts as a member of the public and resident of the Brooklyn neighborhood, less than 10 blocks from Bullseye Glass. I was unable to attend the public meeting last week due to the less than adequate prior notice given, and a busy work schedule. Note that since I have been most involved in the happenings around Bullseye, I mention them here specifically, but my commentary applies to all manufacturers that emit toxics into our airshed.

Please bear with me as I tell you about my family. We relocated to Portland in May 2015, from Tokyo, Japan. My husband and young son are Japanese, and I am from the Pacific Northwest. On March 11, 2011, my husband and my life changed forever when a magnitude 9.1 earthquake struck the East Coast of Japan's main island, causing 3 nuclear reactors to, in effect, malfunction. A toxic plume of radiation swept across the country, although thankfully, most went out to the sea. Regardless of the actual health risk of that radiation, we were unable to continue to live in Japan, where we were sure we would spend the rest of our lives, comfortably because of several things that took place after that event, eroding our faith in regulatory agencies to regulate and protect the public, rather than industry. Words cannot express the profound impact that erosion of faith had on our, and many of our friends' lives, but we were deeply concerned about our food, the health of our future children, our environment, and the diligence of our politicians and regulatory authorities. We are dismayed to see several of those things happening here in Portland, after the news of toxic air broke last month.

First, item of concern is the lack of regulatory authority the DEQ has demonstrated. The proposed rules require **strict and severe financial penalties**, otherwise a company is likely to choose to pay $1,000 here and there rather than invest in the infrastructure required to effectively eliminate toxic emissions. Second, industry **standard, EPA-compliant filtration devices are required**. If we can remove 99% of toxics and make that manufacturer have effectively no negative impact on the airshed, why wouldn't we? This is a prime opportunity for Oregon to live up to its green reputation, attract jobs/workers, and become a true leader in clean industry. **Third, the precautionary principle must be applied**. When we don't know the true impact to human health, we must act to protect the public over profits. Protecting the public will reap savings for the state down the road in lowered health care costs alone. One must not look only at cancer. These toxics are known to cause a multitude of adverse health impacts apart from cancer. The OHA is wrong in their stance on this, although that is a separate issue.

Reporting from the Oregonian indicates that air quality has significantly improved in SE Portland after the glassmakers' voluntary agreement to stop using toxics. While diesel fuels and other industries also contribute to poor air quality, the data points to Bullseye as the major contributor to our air issues in close-in SE.

Bullseye, while pretending to want to work with neighbors, has spent funds that could be used on filtration on a PR firm, which has consistently given out differing information to different audiences. I believe the initial notice of intent to construct mentioned one filter (of 19 furnaces and 6 stacks) that was 90% efficient, which is what was communicated to EPAC (East Portland Air Coalition). In a letter to rally support from customers, suppliers, and distributors, for the company, the filter would suddenly remove 99% of toxics, period. (What about the other furnaces/stacks?) Bullseye has failed to clarify this point, leaving the neighborhood feeling confused, betrayed, and dismayed. We cannot trust that Bullseye will do the right thing unless YOU act to enforce permanent rules that require the most up-to-date, industry standard filtration on ALL furnaces. Who is to say that, when a large order is placed, Bullseye would be sure to use the furnace with the filter to complete that order, instead of firing up multiple furnaces and allowing toxics back into our air? Penalties must be in place to ensure compliance.

It is up to you to ensure that the residents of SE Portland are safe in our homes, at our parks, in our neighborhoods. The precautionary principle *must* be applied, for all known carcinogens, not just cadmium, arsenic, chromium and nickel. I do not believe that Bullseye will go out of business. I do believe, however, that this is a great opportunity for the company, as well as Portland and the state of Oregon, to be truly green, to attract new residents with clean air, and to lead the way in developing clean industry that is appropriate for mixed-zoning with residential neighborhoods. Having jobs in our neighborhoods is also important, but not to the detriment of health, which goes beyond looking at cancer. Please apply the precautionary principle. Please apply it to all industries, but to glass manufacturers first if you must. We *know*, and *the data states* that this current threat to human health can be eliminated.

Again, the DEQ works for the public, not for industry. Please, protect our families, our way of life, and restore our faith in the state. Do what's right, not what protects profits. It is not in the DEQ's mission statement to protect profits. Indeed, "DEQ's mission is to be a leader in restoring, maintaining and enhancing the quality of Oregon's air, land and water." Do that, please.

Thank you very much,

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