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To Whom it May Concern,

Hi, my name is Kelsey Betsill and I am a resident of Boring, OR. My husband and I bought a 1970's home on 5 acres in Boring in 2013. It was our dream. We live on 362nd ave, a country road, right off of Bluff road. When we bought our home, it was the big escape. We finally made it out of the noisy city living. We found peace, quiet and a serene place to relax after a day of hard work in the city. The first year living here we were amazed by the bald eagles that fly above our property, deer grazing our field, the occasional coyote, bunny rabbits, owls, and although only caught on a game camera, a cougar every now and then.

This area is nearly perfect. Our neighbors are wonderful. Everyone cares for one and another, we watch over our places when one is gone, we drop off soup when one of us is sick. It's a unity that wasn't expected at first but we are so very grateful for.

9 years being here and now my husband and I have two beautiful children. Ages 7 and 5, those boys are our whole world. When you have kids, it appoints meaning to things that you were unaware of before, partially why I'm writing you this letter.

I'm writing to you today to plead to you to oppose the Portland Water Bureau's Water filtration project/plant that is proposed to go down the street from my home on Carpenter Lane.

Right down the street from Oregon Trail Academy, the school in which my children attend, this proposed filtration plant will turn our community upside down. It will have a huge impact our community safety, health and environment. As you might know, the construction alone will be a 4+ year project. Based off of the PWB's application, it's projected that during the 4 year construction period, 1000 additional vehicles per weekday will be on our country roads. There are 3 main roads for these vehicles to use in which pass by Oregon Trail Academy, Cedar Ridge Middle School, Sandy High School, Nass Elementary and Firwood Elementary. The construction of the filtration plant as well as its daily operations, will directly affect our children's safety and those who drive our roads. There will be rerouted traffic, danger of construction vehicles who aren't accustomed to our roads, school bus stops, speed limits, after school sports etc. The construction of the project alone will have highly negative effects on schools and bus/routes. These construction vehicles will be passing by Sandy High school. According to the CDC, Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause for Teen death in the United States. Teens are already the highest risk factor, if this plant goes in, can we afford to increase the risk of death for teen drivers? It's our job as Parents, Teachers, School Board Members, Community Members and many others, to keep our children safe. Putting this filtration plant in at this location would propose way too many threats than benefits.

As a resident, it's my fear that with such an increase of traffic, construction, and rerouted traffic, that if there was an emergency, then would the first responders be able to make it in

time? What a terrible thing to think about, that emergency services would be unavailable or delayed.

The environmental factors just can't be ignored. The additional pollution caused by the construction and the everyday processes of the filtration plant alone will destroy our clean waters and environment. This would impact not only our own health but the wildlife. Clearing vegetation no doubt destroys wildlife and their habitats. This has been their home for generations and the with the construction of the plant as well as the chemicals it would use on a daily basis would destroy the beautiful habitats and wildlife already in place.

Lastly, how will we cope with the 1000+ deliveries every year of the hazardous chemicals going to and from the filtration plant? I'm sure that we will be at increased risk for that as well because there would be risk of accident during transportation as an addition.

The Portland Water Bureau has many options of where this proposed filtration plant could be located, yet they chose the least ideal one. It's sad that they do not fully share the risks to our safety, our children's safety, the environment, and our transportation system. I urge you to stand with me in opposing this treatment plant. What will my neighborhood look like if this goes in? Will I still be able to hear the birds chirping when I walk out my front door? Will the deer have a home? Will I be able to drink my well water without worrying about what chemical exposures it will have? Will I be able to travel on our country roads without additional risk of car accident, injury or death? Will my children be safe at school as 1000+ construction vehicles pass by their school with no additional school zone assistance? Will our roads be safe as over 1000+ hazardous chemical deliveries a year travel them regardless of the weather or road conditions?

It is our job to protect our community, environment, and especially our children, THE FUTURE. What's more important than the future and their health and education?

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I moved to rural Oregon from the city of Denver where I was constantly assaulted by the noise of the city, the incessant roar of the interstate, constant heavy equipment. I purchased land with 2 creeks and adjacent to the Sandy River, where I can hear water flowing and birds chirping, where heavy equipment sounds are the exception, not the rule. My property is a haven for wild animals. I consistently see bear scat, elk tracks, lots of deer, birds of all kinds, a few illusive sightings of a bobcat and even a neighborhood mountain lion. All of this will be destroyed if the PWB is allowed to proceed with their poorly thought out plan for a filtration system upriver from me.

If the proposed water filtration facility is allowed to proceed, our idyllic country existence will be destroyed. The constant noise of heavy equipment and trucks on our road will destroy our quiet and drive away the local wildlife. It is impossible for me to understand how an environment impact study was not done to ascertain the damage to our local population of beautiful wildlife. The sheer volume of traffic on the roads will mean it is no longer safe for me to walk along our rural roads. I am also extremely concerned about the hazardous chemicals that will be coming into the neighborhood. I know that it will be impossible to have a timely hazmat response where it necessary and blanché to think of our aquifer, well, Sandy River and ultimately the Columbia being poisoned because of the lack of due diligence represented by the proponents of this ill considered filtration plane.

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Our family has lived in the Orient area for over three decades. We choose to live here because it is quiet and rural, with creeks, farming and natural areas nearby. We live across the street from a tree nursery and have another one behind us. Our home is less than a quarter mile to Dodge Park Blvd., and our kids took the school bus to Orient Schools and Sam Barlow high school on our country roads. Drivers are prepared to slow down and share the road with tractors as well as school buses out this way.

We know our neighbors, interact with them, and we watch out for one another. Our family has driven, walked, run and biked on the roads surrounding us. We appreciate the safety of our roads. Middle school and high school athletes frequently run on the roads out here. Our favorite go-to bike ride over the years has been to Carpenter Lane, because it's a quiet, peaceful road with little traffic, and with views of Mt. Hood.

Multitudes of birds live and travel through and above our neighborhood, including larger birds such as Red Tail Hawks, Coopers Hawks, Osprey, Great Blue Herons and the occasional Pileated Woodpecker. We love seeing all types of birds and getting to recognize their calls. Because the sky here is relatively dark at night, we put out lawn chairs and view shooting stars during meteor showers. We treasure these aspects of living here.

It's astounding that the City of Portland and the Portland Water Bureau are proposing to build a huge industrial plant on land which is not zoned for it. The quiet, rural nature of our area would be forever changed if approval were given for this project. I understand that the site of nearly 100 acres for the proposed filtration plant was supposed to be designated a Metro Rural Reserve. That designation fits the local area much more closely than a huge filtration plant does. Noise and light pollution will provide grave consequences for area birds and mammals. Damage to our watershed is a distinct possibility.

The required years of construction alone will severely impact the safety of our roads, with each of the three area schools (start times from 7:35-9:05 a.m. and release times from 2:30-3:35 p.m.) running multiple bus routes on the same small rural roads that dump trucks, construction vehicles and eventually trucks carrying hazardous chemicals/waste products for the project would use.

I feel that the project is inconsistent with the area and community in which it is proposed to be placed.

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The proposal to construct a large, overpriced and unnecessary “Legacy” water treatment plant in the rural part of East Multnomah County should not be allowed. First and foremost, it does not meet Multnomah Counties own guidelines for this protected portion of the County. It does not fit into the rural attributes set aside by Multnomah County for this area. Based on information I have heard and read this proposed water treatment plant raises significant concerns due to the potential safety concerns and negative impact it will have on wildlife, the safety of school children, and its detrimental impact on the families who have invested their life-savings into living in this protected part of Multnomah County. I say it is unnecessary because less expensive options can easily solve the current issues required to be addressed, and approximately 30% of Portland Water Bureaus customers plan to leave in the near future. I believe this is a “Legacy” project, to immortalize those individuals currently in charge of the Portland Water Bureau. I believe that this monstrosity will eventually prove to be an encumbrance to those that follow the current leaders, leaving both Portland and Multnomah County in financial distress.

School Children's Safety: The proposed construction of such a large water treatment plant in the rural area of East Multnomah County would necessitate the transportation of dangerous chemicals, heavy materials and equipment via thousands of commercial truck loads driving by our schools each week. This increased truck traffic poses a significant safety risk to school children in the area. The influx of large vehicles on local roads will cause congestion and traffic hazards, increasing the chances of accidents. Tearing up and shutting down our streets to lay new water pipe will cause further delays to local residents and create hazards for our children. Moreover, the emission of hazardous pollutants from these trucks can contribute to air pollution, negatively impacting the respiratory health of the children and compromising their overall

well-being. Ensuring the safety of our school children should be a top priority, and allowing such a project in close proximity to multiple schools raises legitimate concerns that must not be ignored.

Wildlife Impact: The rural areas of East Multnomah County are rich in biodiversity and serve as crucial habitats for various wildlife species – especially Elk, Deer, Geese and Hummingbirds near the proposed plant. Constructing a large water treatment plant in this delicate ecosystem would undoubtedly disrupt their natural habitats. Noise pollution, land clearance, and alterations to local water and vegetation sources can cause significant harm to wildlife populations. The disruption of their natural habitats can lead to imbalances in the ecosystem, affecting the food chain and the overall health of the environment. Species dependent on the affected habitats may be forced to relocate, which can disrupt migration patterns and breeding cycles. In turn, this may lead to a decline in the overall biodiversity and ecological integrity of the region. I believe a full study needs to be conducted before any construction should begin.

Mismatch with Rural Environment: The rural part of East Multnomah County is characterized by its tranquil and scenic landscapes, which attract residents seeking solace in nature. The proposed construction of a large water treatment plant in this region would disrupt the serene ambiance that defines the area. The industrial infrastructure, such as large buildings, storage tanks, and pipelines, would clash with the natural beauty of the surroundings, resulting in visual pollution. The introduction of such an industrial facility would undermine the rural charm of the region, deterring visitors and potential residents who are drawn to its picturesque qualities. The local community's cultural identity and livelihoods, often tied to the natural and agricultural heritage, may also be adversely affected, leading to social and economic repercussions.

Considering the potential adverse effects on wildlife, the safety concerns for school children, and the incompatibility with the rural environment, it is clear that building a large water treatment plant in the rural part of East Multnomah County should be strongly discouraged. Alternative locations that prioritize environmental sustainability and minimize the impact on wildlife and communities should be explored. By carefully considering the long-term consequences of such a development, we can strive for a harmonious balance between progress and the preservation of our natural surroundings. It is essential to protect the rural integrity, safety, and ecological well-being of East Multnomah County for the benefit of both current and future generations.

Sincerely,

Dan Brink

Jim and Theresa Bunting

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We moved into our dream home here on 37039 SE Lusted Road back in 2004 and have called it our sanctuary for the last 19 years. We fell in love with our home and the surrounding area the first time we saw it. We love and enjoy everything about our home, our neighbors, and our beautiful natural surroundings. We love the natural habitat and beauty all the four seasons bring to our place of home. Some of the things we look forward to throughout the spring and summer are sitting on our deck watching the deer and elk roam and graze the pastures across from our home throughout the day, listening to the frogs at night, hearing the owls hooting back and forth to each other and quiet peace fullness. In the quiet evenings we can hear the river from inside our homes with the windows opened all year round. We look forward to the spring when all the native birds come alive, the Robins and Swallows come back to their same nest every year at our home, watching and identifying Bald Eagles, Crows, Vultures, and the Blue Jays who also come and visit throughout the year. We love our drive coming home throughout the seasons but especially in fall watching the leaves turning their vibrant colors.

We have major concerns not only how this water filtration project will impact the things we cherish and enjoy so much along with the devastating impact it will catastrophically have on our natural habitat, but also the devastation it will bring to our surrounding area. My wife, Theresa, works nights so she sleeps during the day. She will not be able to sleep during the time needed for her job because one of the job sites is less than 100 yards away from our bedroom window. When we brought it to Multnomah County and Lisa, the senior planner from Portland Water Bureau, attention and she said they were going to put a noise wall up, but we will still be experiencing noise throughout the day. We all know the noise wall is not going to prevent the amount of noise it is going to bring; you try to sleep through an ongoing construction job. Also, I, Jim, suffered a dramatic brain injury a few years ago and cannot deal with the loud noise because it triggers migraines off and brings pressure to my head causing high blood pressure. Another major critical concern is the impact it is going to have on our drinking water. Our well is 116 feet below ground and according to Bonita Oswald the project communication coordinator, the contractors who never been on site, said my well would be fine. They don't even have the correct land elevations. They said the job site and the bottom of my well is 371 feet. My neighbor and I used a gps and came up with 106 feet before drilling which puts it right into my water table. They said they will be evaluating wells that are within a closer proximity to the tunnel construction work, however, no one has made any effort to contact us. Another concern is the number of truck traffic and safety. With 300 plus trucks a day coming and going from the property across our property not only will it be destructive to the roads but it will prevent efficient emergency response time and vehicles which in turn is threatening our safety and our homes, our lives, health, and our security. I don't even know where to begin and how to start about how this is going to affect our property value.

Please contact me with any questions at 650-576-3981, Jim Bunting

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4. Please describe the "character of the area" of where you live, and what do you like about it? The more details the better! (See guidance sheet for ideas & examples) Our family has lived in the area near Oxbow Park and YMCA camp Collins for 48 years. Both of our children were raised out here and went from grade school thru high school in the Gresham Barlow school District. They grew up riding their bikes, hiking the woods in Oxbow and Camp Collins, swimming in the Wild and Scenic Sandy river, and exploring nature in all its forms. We raised our boys to respect Mother Earth as well as respecting other people. Our family felt privileged to be able to feel safe out here, to breathe clean air, and enjoy the peace and quiet that comes with living in our rural area, dark skies at night and away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Traffic decreases dramatically the further east of Gresham you go. So coming home from town is ALWAYS a welcome feeling. The air is cleaner, the surroundings more lush, the stars brighter. There is a sense of serenity that could be forever destroyed if for some reason this filtration plant is allowed to be built in our beautiful area that we all treasure and hold dearly.

I hate to imagine what our lives will be like if over 308,000 heavy truck trips are allowed in our area over the next 5 years.!!! Add in the "work force" traffic and that number climbs to over a million cars and oversized trucks that will be required for the duration of construction that the PWB is proposing. The noise, the air pollution, the traffic jams will be in stark contrast to what it is like out here now. The safety of our school kids, bicyclists, joggers, visitors to Oxbow and YMCA Camp Collins and drivers who live out here and need to travel these roads for work will be in jeopardy. Our roads were never built to support the kind of vehicles that will be used in order to transport the materials needed for a mega plant. We would no longer have that feeling of safety and security which drew all of us to this rural lifestyle. If there is a serious injury or death due to excessive traffic, chemical spills, truck drivers going too fast, icy roads, or any of the reasons that could likely cause an accident due to crowded roads with no shoulders what are the consequences for allowing this project to go forward??? When residents and school districts and school bus services along with our emergency services tell you we are afraid for our and others safety and you chose to ignore it knowing what we all are telling you. Where does the buck stop? This project does not belong out here!!!!

It's ironic that in 2019 Multnomah County changed a provision in their code that was originally written to PREVENT this type of industry from ever being allowed out here. The code was rewritten to accommodate the PWB without any public process or any notification to area residents. Instead it was addressed as simply "housekeeping" The reason for that is not lost on us that live here.

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I am 7.5 years old, and my mom is helping me write this about my drive to school:

When I drive to school it's calm and all of the animals are out and the trees are over us like a bridge we are driving under.*

I like seeing the seeds grow from little plants to big plants.

I like seeing the animals like the horses munching on their food and how happy they are in their little quiet places, playing.

I like seeing the workers working hard in the fields.

I like how nature is just fine the way it is. The road is fine.

They are taking farm area away forever. It's pretty sad they are taking all this beautiful land to make something that doesn't help us in this area at all.

Haiku:

"In the Neighborhood"

The Nature is Calm
I like to watch the plants grow
The workers work hard

Written by Oriah Columbres

*Note from mom - I hear they are going to take down 400 trees on Dodge park blvd and put in grass seed. What will happen to the "bridge of trees" my daughter enjoys seeing on her drive?

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To whom it may concern,

I have lived pretty much in the middle of Carpenter Lane for the last forty years. Our street is rural and residential. When I go out to the grocery store I am more likely to pass neighbors on foot than any type of traffic. Carpenter Lane is posted at 25 mph and people here enjoy that leisurely pace.

To propose that Carpenter Lane is an appropriate thoroughfare for industrial traffic is a crazy and dangerous proposition. Our road is already poorly maintained and filled with potholes. Regular semi traffic would no doubt aggravate this issue and quickly render the roadway nearly unusable. Even if the semi drivers are willing to submit to the 25 mph speed limit on Carpenter lane it feels unwise to be regularly transporting hazardous chemicals on such a small and bumpy rural country lane.

Before purchasing my farm on Carpenter Lane I spent over two years traveling to potential locations that would be complimentary for my horse training business. I chose this location on Carpenter Lane based on its proximity to populous areas while being safely tucked into a rural preserve. Today I board and train horses primarily for people who live in town. My clients appreciate the country feel on Carpenter Lane and feel safe taking their horses out on our road for riding. I do not see Carpenter Lane being a particularly safe place for equestrian traffic if the proposed Industrial facility is executed as planned and I imagine my clients will feel the same.

If my horse boarding clients feel unsafe on Carpenter Lane I have to expect a number of them will in time decide to relocate their horses elsewhere. I also expect that attracting new clients will be less viable. The loss of just one boarding client will be a hardship in excess of \$600 each month that that horses' stall remains empty. If clients have had bad experiences and/or serious accidents, as is sadly not unlikely to happen as animals try to adjust to potential changes in character regarding the traffic on Carpenter Lane, the word of mouth in the equestrian community may make obtaining new boarding clients on my farm a less likely event.

Several of my clients commute half an hour or even in excess of an hour to escape the traffic and bustle of the city and spend some time with their animals and our country landscape. Proposed construction and road closures may double those commute times, perhaps forcing some to reduce their lesson schedules. If my clients are unable to visit the farm as frequently and are forced to cancel their lesson appointments my farm is losing income and my clients will be unhappy. This results in an additional monetary hardship of \$55 for every appointment my clients may be unable to make given longer commute times and their already busy schedules..

My farm is my home and a refuge for myself and also my clients, students and their horses. Carpenter Lane is a special and peaceful place. Multnomah county has less such places available now than it has had in its past. I feel that the present character of Carpenter Lane is worth preserving.

Sincerely,

Angela Parker

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Attn: Hearing Officer, Multnomah County Land Use Planning hearing re: PWB filtration project

Dear Hearing Officer,

In reviewing the Portland Water Bureau's application filed with Multnomah County for a Conditional Land Use permit, I was disappointed with their arbitrary conclusion that building the mega-industrial complex and miles of new pipelines would not change or impact the character of the area. I'm betting whoever typed that up does not live here, because I don't know one single resident who would agree. Please accept this letter as a true reference to the character of the area referenced in PWB's application from a long-time resident.

Me and my husband Joe live on Carpenter Lane, on the same property and in the house next to where I grew up. I am a teacher at Hogan Cedars Elementary School. I've been teaching for 24 years in the Gresham Barlow school district, including at West Orient Middle School. I myself graduated from Orient and Barlow schools as well. My husband Joe McKenzie is a real estate appraiser & Barlow baseball & football coach. The property we live on is owned by Roberts Family Trust. The farmland & buildings are leased to R&H Nursery. The original family parcel included 4 dwellings. We have a long history of living here and know the character of the area.

Carpenter Lane is a special place. I am a second generation born and raised there, and the third or four generations that call Carpenter Lane home. My family has owned this land and farmed here since 1952 when my grandpa bought 35 acres and their first home on Carpenter Lane. They started farming dairy & beef cattle, kale, potatoes and strawberries. In 1960 they moved their first home on Carpenter Lane around the corner and built the existing farm house in its place, where it sits today on Carpenter Lane and where we live. My dad planted his first row of raspberries as a Gresham High School FFA (Future Farmers of America) project in 1965. My parents married in 1968, and a year later they moved their house from Portland out to the farm, where grandpa had given them 2 acres of the farm with Cottrell Road frontage. By 1980, the berry farm was booming! As a result, my dad purchased an adjoining 10 acres on Carpenter Lane that he filled with raspberries and built our family home. Soon every farmable acre on the farm was growing raspberries, and eventually he added a strawberry patch for u-picks that my sister and I would run until we were old enough to work on the berry machines. For most of the 1980's and 90's, our berry farm was a regular employer of numerous high school kids over the summers and had full-time crews in the fall and spring.

In the late 1990's, nurseries had begun replacing most of the berry farms in the area due to the sinking profit margin and escalating operating costs. My dad's cousin, also a local to the area, was already in the nursery business, so they decided to join forces, and with his cousin's expertise they turned the berry farm into a tree farm. My dad and his cousin put endless hours into the holding pond and irrigation

system to keep the trees watered in the hot summers. Soon they were leasing the same lands we had leased for the berry farm from neighbors in the area, buying more tractors, and running a successful, year-round wholesale nursery. A few years ago my dad retired and now the nursery is operated full time by his cousin, who also purchased our first family home and 2 acres on Cottrell from my parents. I don't ever see a time when that land won't be farmed because the zoning laws protect it from development. It is also part of the West of the Sandy River Metro Rural Reserve, which is supposed to prevent development and changes in land use/urban growth boundary for 50 years.

Growing up on Carpenter Lane was something special. We had full run of the area, through fields and forests, down the rural roads with no striping, no shoulder, and mainly just farm traffic. The kids on our road walked to the bus stop on the corner of Cottrell and Carpenter. If it was raining, we would all huddle inside my grandparents' house and watch out the window for the bus to come from the other end of Carpenter, while grandma fed us cookies and hot chocolate. My sister always had a horse or two in the barn and would ride all over the countryside, through neighboring farms and up and down every road. We all walked or rode our bikes everywhere – friends' houses, neighbors, the country market, sometimes even school - and even though the roads had no striping and no shoulders, we were safe. The only traffic was folks who lived in the area and farmers on tractors and old farm trucks. Everyone knew to watch out for kids on the road because they were raising their families here too. I'm thankful that it is still the same today. I watch the neighbor kids and their dog play in the street, waving at the neighbors and farmers driving by. Carpenter Lane is busy, but not with cars. To this day it remains a safe haven for walkers, joggers, equestrians, cyclists, and children selling roadside lemonade.

We moved back to Carpenter Lane about 3 years ago to escape the growing, busy, ever-expanding city of Gresham. We renovated my grandparents' farm house, keeping grandma's favorite pink bathroom, grandpa's wood shed and even the clothes line that I remember hanging clothes on with my grandma throughout the summers. We love walking our dogs up and down Carpenter Lane, Cottrell, Altman, and the other quiet country roads, passing other dogs and their families, tractors, cyclists, equestrians and more. Raising the last of our kids and becoming empty nesters on the same property I grew up on is *significant and intentional*. Not much has changed on Carpenter Lane since the 1950's. There are a couple new homes at the end of the road but all the original farm houses are still there. People still walk their dogs, kids still ride their bikes, and the road still has no shoulder or paint. Local traffic still watches out for kids, cyclists, dog-walkers, horse riders, and slow-moving farm equipment, because they live here too and do the same things. Farm traffic is respectful and friendly – whether it's a slow-moving tractor and the driver waves you around when it's safe, or a big truck trying to make a tight turn and waving at you with appreciation for your patience, all the local nurseries and farms are just that – *local*. They have kids on these roads too, or they work at the farms and nurseries and know the character of this area so they respect speed limits and are used to people on the street, out enjoying the country.

At night, it's quiet and we listen to the sounds of crickets and the wind through the trees. The farms and nurseries keep normal business hours, so people that enjoy outdoor activities in the evenings aren't disturbed and won't encounter any commercial farm traffic. This is especially nice in the summertime when people are barbequing and spending more time outside in the evenings taking advantage of the long days. The night sky is also something that we do not take for granted. We are grateful to be away from the bright lights of Gresham. Our evenings are often spent sitting on rockers in our backyard next to the old wood shed, listening to the crickets, owls and oftentimes coyotes while stargazing at the beautiful night sky. There isn't a single light from the farm that impedes our view. The barn light that

shines downward for safety purposes is not visible from our backyard or the street for that matter. As people who live here we work hard to protect *our* way of life.

In the morning, we enjoy the sounds of the large variety of birds and I especially love listening to the many hummingbirds that frequent the feeders. I have two hanging in my kitchen window just like my grandma did so many years ago. We also enjoy taking our three dogs on early morning walks before work. Although there are a few tractors on the road heading to the fields and a few cars heading to work, everyone knows our dogs and wave as they pass by. There is never any need for us to move off the road, there is always room for us, our dogs and other early morning walkers, runners and bike riders. We feel so lucky to be away from the hustle and bustle along with the traffic and noise of the city.

Rural living has always equaled a quiet, peaceful, and quaint way of life, and that is especially true in the Carpenter Lane area. The traffic on Carpenter Lane's dead end portion consists of local residents or tractors, so it's a favorite spot for people from neighboring areas to come walk their dogs, jog, bicycle, and ride horses. The road still has no striping, no shoulders, although definitely more than a few potholes, but it's still safe and definitely not busy. Most importantly, it's home to myself and my neighbors – the families of Carpenter Lane who love where they live and live there specifically because of the rural character of our area.

As someone who has brought her family back to the land she grew up on, so they can experience the peace and tranquility of country living, I hope that Multnomah County will do the right thing and protect this rural preserve from disappearing. An industrial complex the size and scale of PWB's proposal would not only permanently change the character of the area, it would *destroy* it. Please protect our rural community. Not just for the families that live here now, but for all the generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristy McKenzie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kristy" and last name "McKenzie" clearly legible.

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I am the third generation of Carlson's that have lived on this twenty acre parcel of land. I spent my childhood on this property watching, learning and helping my father raise various small crops from, food crops to Rose bushes and Maple Trees. After my father passed, I continued growing agricultural products from christmas trees to various nursery stock.

My wife and I raised two children and two grandchildren on this property. We have always been so thankful to live in such a beautiful quiet rural setting. We go to sleep at night with the sound of nature all around us. We welcome the soothing sound of an owl hooting from a tree above to frogs croaking in the creek bed below. We hear the cries of Coyote pups in the spring and see deer visiting our goats regularly. It's peaceful and serene. When the skies are clear in the summer months the night sky is spectacular. We love to watch and count shooting stars during meteor events.

We find it necessary to voice our opposing opinion on the Portland Water Bureau's proposed Water Treatment Plant. It would be totally inconsistent with the character of our rural community. It would be a total disruption to the quiet nature of our rural landscape. Not to mention, the massive amounts of hazardous chemicals they will be using in daily plant operations, making it very worrisome to our daily environment.

Our local wildlife will be impacted along with local vegetation.

There will be industrial noise 24/7 from the operations of the plant - even though it is within "acceptable decibel" range, it will be different from the natural sounds we are used to hearing. Agricultural uses have identifiable sounds and patterns that aren't very loud and terminate well before dark.

With a filtration treatment plant the size they are proposing, there will most definitely be light pollution to our beautiful dark night sky.

We whole- heartedly agree with Gresham Barlow School District in their concerns over the safety of local students on the roadway and bus driver safety concerns.

We are worried about our rural fire District #10 not being able to respond to emergency calls due to additional call loads related to the operations of the filtration plant.

Our property is zoned MUA20. You cannot make a full time living on a twenty acre agricultural farm. We have applied for conditional use permits through the years through the Multnomah County Planning Department. We were denied. We will find it very stressful if, The Portland Water Bureau is allowed to come into our rural community and build a plant that is detrimental to our community's way of life!

Sincerely,
Ken and Patsy Carlson

CHARACTER OF AREA STATEMENT

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The Pleasant Home area is one of open spaces, parks, and gardens. It is a quiet and peaceful community. Its character is particularly notable, distinctive, and unique. It is well known for its tranquility and serenity. Our neighborhood's character and "personality" is an amalgam of various elements. They contribute to its salient features, and these qualities would be particularly sensitive to long-term disruption.

So what is a specific description of the area. Our area is particularly idyllic and peaceful . Full of tall Juniper, Doug Fir and Maple trees. There are few road noises to be heard because the traffic is relatively light. The whole area is a pastoral, soft, and quiet scene. It is one filled with wild and domestic animals. The fauna include birds such as the pileated woodpecker, western tanagers , cliff swallows, Kingfishers, Cooper's Hawks, Warblers and Stellar Jays. Wild animals include raccoons, squirrels, bobcats, beaver and coyotes just to name a few. These visuals and their sounds are mesmerizing. Many of these I can view from my porch with morning coffee.

The groves of trees are interspersed with open spaces of private gardens and many are adjacent to the myriad lovely commercial Nurseries in the area. These ornamental horticulture nurseries only increase the beauty of the area and add to its diverse fabric . The nurseries small trees accentuate the color and variety of this natural setting.

Views from our property are of majestic white-capped Mt. Hood and the surrounding rolling hills; verdant green and full of wildlife. We can look down on the headwaters of Johnson Creek which eventually flows into the Willamette River. We can walk on trails and paths in this area with never a thought of danger due to traffic or noise or congestion.

There are 15 or more schools along the proposed route for the PWB's commercial trucks as they would wind their way to the water treatment facility site. Four of our grandchildren attend two of these schools, and we regularly drive them to school for sports and other school events. Right now these schools enjoy safety for their children and parents as they drive them to and from school. There is congestion as the cars line up to drop off or pick up the school kids and as high-schoolers drive in and out of their respective schools, but one can only imagine the horrors that will undoubtedly occur if the 200+ trucks a day are allowed to travel on roads from Troutdale to Sandy as they deliver chemicals , earth, and cement to the site.

The clean flowing water from Johnson Creek will surely be compromised/polluted by all the chemicals and earth being transported to this area. On one side where the industrial plant will be located the slope drops directly towards this pristine creek. The over-flow ponds of the facility which would store harmful chemicals will no doubt flood in the winter as they typically do when heavy rain storms happen and the excess water will then flow right into Johnson Creek .

The negative influence of the industrial exploitation being proposed by the PWB's treatment facility while building this 100 acre plant would have grave and disastrous effects on our properties and to the the larger area . The execrable outcome will effect both the pastoral rural areas and also the close-by cities as well because of the huge increase in traffic from the commercial trucks. The traffic, noise, and odor impacts will devastate the charm of the area.

The Pleasant Home area is organic and dynamic and this long-established character is the reason so many of us have moved to this area. The intense devastation from the proposed facility will more than detract from the immediate and wider area. Those repellent results will cause unacceptable damage to the local character and environment and conservation quality and amenities of our area. It is very clear and quite easy to see that there is no way the PWB can minimize or mitigate the negative issues they will cause if this project is allowed to go forward. It is just too large and complex and lengthy of a project for them to realistically maintain it as a low impact project. Our degraded public and private realm would never be the same again.

Character of the Area

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Our family of eight lives on Dodge Park Blvd, directly southeast of and proximate to the proposed site for the filtration project on Carpenter Lane. We moved here from SE Portland in 2013 to escape the noise, traffic, and hustle and bustle of the city. We were able to successfully find peace and quiet on our idyllic 10 acres. We enjoy the country; farming our blueberries, raising goats, pigs, and chickens, and being in a place where our kids are safe and have an opportunity to be surrounded by nature.

There are several aspects of our pastoral community that we greatly value. These aspects help define the character of the area which set us apart from urban areas and other rural areas. These include, natural sounds and quiet, the sound of the Sandy River, wildlife – including big game, safe roads for running and cycling, and the night sky.

The sounds around our home are mostly natural and include wind blowing through our forest of Douglas Fir and Cedar. We love to hear our resident owls and other birds of prey at all hours of the day and night, including Great Horned owl, barn owl, red tailed hawk, bald eagle. In the evening we can hear the rushing sounds of the Sandy River. We enjoy the sounds of the farm activity in the neighboring nursery, including tractors humming and farm workers singing in the fields. We are also happy that farm activity ends between 3 and 4pm and the natural sounds return for us to enjoy after a long day at work.

In the fall we regularly hear the calling and movements of elk. For as long as we've lived at our home, elk bed down in our front pasture in the middle of the night. For the last few years, we were able to count upwards of 20 head of elk from our wildlife cameras. In addition to the elk, we have deer that feed on our fallen apples. They also bed down in our fields with their young. Black bears visit our blueberry farm at the end of the season and climb our apple trees throughout the fall to get their fill for the winter.

We are an active, running and cycling family. We run the roads almost everyday and all of our children run on their own as they train for cross country and track seasons. We feel safe running on our roads, including Dodge Park Blvd, Lusted Rd, Altman Rd, Cottrell/347th, and Carpenter Lane, which lack sidewalks or other protections from cars. We feel safe allowing our children to run on their own on our roads. Neighbors, the only people who regularly use the roads in the area, are aware of runners, walkers, and cyclists and take great care in ensuring a safe environment for those of us on the roads.

The night sky is incredible. There are no street lights or industrial lights near us. We see so many stars similar to what is seen if you were camping in the wilderness. Just 3 miles toward Gresham or Sandy will result in a different night sky – more light pollution, less stars.

Given Portland Water Bureau's proposal to build and operate an industrial facility on the 96 acres next to our family's property is inconsistent with the character of our area. If this facility is approved and is in full operation 24 hours a day and 7 days a week, our community's quiet rural nature, the safety on our roads for runners and bikers, the migration and rearing patterns of wildlife, and the subtle natural sounds that we cherish would be taken away from this community forever.

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Why do I love living on Dodge Park Blvd in Boring, Oregon- it's not because of this particular house I call home but because of all the qualities of the area that combine to bring happiness and contentment

to my life and that of my neighbors. Rural living is very different from urban or even suburban and that's specifically why we live here. To anyone analyzing historical development or even recent building

permits it is apparent that this is a farming community with scattered residences where nature, the environment, and wildlife are respected and the community works together to maintain, protect and

enhance what's existing for all to enjoy. The heartbeat of our local roads is composed of very little traffic, slow moving farm tractors or open bed trucks moving trees between fields, cyclists and walkers.

Without sidewalks it still feels safe to walk along our roads because I can hear any vehicle approaching long before it gets near rather than a steady stream of noise from engines and tires that keeps my nervous system on high alert. I love that I never get frustrated waiting or stopping for farm traffic, they're the signs of our community at work, as opposed to my feelings of anxiousness driving in almost any city or on any highway. The relatively few local businesses are well supported and appreciated. We don't even have a super market for our grocery needs. Although there is a very small corner store we all travel to the neighboring cities of Gresham or Sandy to fill our pantries for the week. Local Burns Feed store not only meets the farm and animal needs for many of us but is also a great place to casually see neighbors. The Silk coffee shop provides a gathering place for morning coffee and get togethers or simply a grab and go and the Pleasant Home saloon is convenient for both lunch, dinner or purely for socializing after a day of hard work. None of these are uppity places and they welcome all in any attire including our dusty boots. These are country establishments that accommodate our slower paced county life and both customers and proprietors appreciate each other and often know each other's name. Some of my personal favorites about living in the Cottrell area are being able to hear the wind approaching before any noticeable plant movement, hearing so many different birds that their individual locations remains a mystery, watching huge flocks of geese resting peacefully in the very same field that could become a massive filtration plant knowing that their landing was safe because they weren't disoriented by lights, listening to owls hooting that I've never heard in a city, knowing that children feel safe waiting for school buses and accompanying peace that brings their parents and truly understanding what a great gift it is to live in a quiet rural community with dark night skies where the collective qualities are greater than the sum of any individual characteristics. Our community is not only a wonderful place to live that is beautiful but also comfortable and serene. We know our community and surroundings well, it's daily rhythms and activities that currently mesh us together as smoothly as aligned gears and it's our

collective wisdom not professional disciplines that can determine what would impact the character of the area in a way that would leave our country community life decimated. Most of us bought properties and invested in this particular lifestyle to avoid crowded, busy, noisy, dirty, stifling urban neighborhoods and industrial areas so we could breathe deeply and live peacefully to sustain our well being and protect our mental health.

It's simple to say that if the water filtration plant is built on SE Carpenter Lane just about everything I love here, which is mostly everything our community loves, will disappear forever. No sounds of birds chirping, no dark skies, no long stretches of quiet, no easy drive to anywhere, no feeling of safety on our roads for motorist, walkers or cyclist, no feelings of peace but rather those of anxiety, no country living for our country community because big city power has pushed in and taken that away and left us individually and our community destroyed and changed forever and ever.

Anyone working on this water filtration project should ask to have it built in their backyard where their children play or at least imagine it there and they will understand why it shouldn't be here in ours.