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Request for virtual attendance

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally express my strong opposition, along with the other members of my household, to the proposed plans for the Portland Water Treatment Facility. As residents of this community, we are deeply concerned about the long-term environmental, economic, and social impacts this project will impose on our area.

First and foremost, the proposed development threatens valuable agricultural land and critical wildlife habitat. This region plays a significant role in supporting local farmers and nursery owners, and converting it for industrial use will undoubtedly displace these vital contributors to our community and economy. Unfortunately, it seems the concerns of residents in this part of Multnomah County are being overlooked, while the more affluent west side — which is already heavily developed — continues to have its interests prioritized.

One of our primary concerns is the harm already inflicted on the local environment, even before the project has received full approval. The easement along the road in front of our home, which is slated to host a future pipeline, was recently clear-cut without due process or community input. The removal of native trees and plants has not only stripped the area of natural erosion control and wildlife food sources, but has also eliminated an important buffer against road noise.

Given the current state of this project — including reports of financial mismanagement and a lack of proper approvals — we have little confidence that the area will be properly restored or maintained. It is far more likely that invasive species, such as blackberries, will overrun the damaged land, leaving residents responsible for both the cost and labor of restoration. The destruction of local flora has also severely impacted the area's biodiversity. Already, we have observed a decline in native bird and small mammal populations, including hawks that had long been part of the ecosystem here.

Additionally, we are concerned about the increased truck traffic this project will bring to the surrounding roads. These routes are already in poor condition and riddled with potholes. The strain from heavy construction vehicles will further degrade the infrastructure and create safety concerns for both wildlife and residents alike.

If this facility is approved, it will not only lead to the loss of farmland and nursery industry land — both of which are already under threat from ongoing development — but will also impose financial burdens on residents. Oregon taxpayers are being asked to foot the bill for a project that was initiated without full approval and has already plunged into substantial debt. It is especially troubling that this financial strain falls on local citizens when federal mandates are driving the need for this facility.

In conclusion, I strongly urge you to reconsider the placement of this water treatment facility. This project will cause irreparable harm to our community, our environment, and our economy. Our farmland and wildlife must be preserved, and residents should not be expected to bear the costs of a development they neither asked for nor support.

Respectfully,
Taylor Alexander

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