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Character of the Area

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Testimony from Ron Roberts, Roberts Family Trust

Resident of Carpenter Lane since 1952

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My family home and property is on the East end Carpenter Lane (34828 SE Carpenter Lane). We moved there in 1952, and the farmland we own has been in farm production ever since. I played in the street growing up, as my daughters did and my granddaughter. If this water filtration plant is built, that will never happen again. I learned how to ride a bike there, my children and the neighbor children had parades with their wagons and bikes to celebrate holidays and bring joy to the neighborhood. These were amazing times for our community.

My Dad, Russell Roberts, worked for the Portland Water Bureau as well as some of our neighbors. He worked on heavy equipment, building roads and preparing areas for the dams in the Bull Run Watershed.

There is no way this water filtration plant will fit into the neighborhood. When I was in highschool, one of our classmates was killed at the intersection of Cottrell and Dodge Park. I was first on the scene. This last year, our daughter, who lives in our family home on Carpenter Lane, was again, first on the scene of another accident at that same intersection (of which there have been four accidents in the recent months). With the added traffic during construction of the water treatment facility and after construction - there is no way we can prevent more deaths. Find another way to access the water treatment facility.

With the water treatment construction and after completion, there is no way to get our children and grandchildren safely to and from bus stops. Twenty three years ago, I walked my granddaughter to the bus stop every morning and met her when she got off. Now there will be hundreds of trucks a day going by. Will the children on Carpenter Lane and their parents be safe amongst all that traffic?

The Fire Department has stated that they cannot guarantee timely responses to fire and health emergencies if this facility is built. This creates great concern for the community members. In addition, the potential for a chemical spill is beyond the capability of our local fire department.

As a lifelong resident of Carpenter Lane, I urge you to consider other alternatives. I know you have a job to do, but at what cost to the neighborhood? And at what financial burden to all the residents of Portland and other area ratepayers? Farmland is meant to be farmed. It's time to pursue less expensive, less invasive and less destructive options.

Thank you for your time,

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