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To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of Surface Nursery and its employees, I would like to address concerns and business impacts of the proposed Portland Water Bureau Water Filtration Facility & Pipelines. The construction of this facility and pipelines will place a hardship on our business and will negatively influence our well-established daily routines. The construction road to be built on Surface Nursery property will have a negative effect on the way we do business and the ramifications of losing some of our land through eminent domain will most certainly have a negative impact on our farming operation.

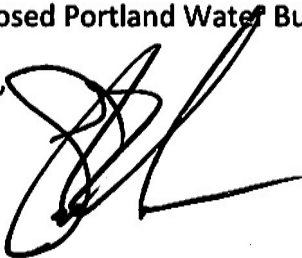
Points to note:

- In summer, we have an average of 7 tractors per day on the roads in the area.
- On any given day, roughly 50 employees travel in 4 buses to 7 locations within a 3-mile radius.
- Assuming 200+ trucks a day during construction project...we have workers as close as 10 feet from construction road...potential diesel fumes, noise, road dust; would be a concern for employee health impacts as well as safety concerns.
- Employees apply pesticides to trees as close as 10 feet from construction road.
- Trailers hauling our freshly dug trees are traveling on the roads numerous times each day between the fields and our home farm tree storage facility. Congestion from additional construction vehicles will cause delays in our processes.
- During shipping season, semi-trucks back into our loading docks off Lusted Rd.

- Deliveries made to and from our home farm property and office will be impacted through traffic delays and construction routes/detours on the area roads.
- Oil and gasoline washing into our streams and fields. Impact on our growing trees?
- Our company office, tree storage facility, maintenance and operations buildings are all located on Lusted Rd. In project proposal documents, Lusted Rd is mentioned in nearly every single part of the proposed development. Thus, our farm, our employees, and our partners have a high probability of being impacted by this project.

There's simply no way around the fact that this project will force a significant change in our well-established farm practices and influence our daily routines in a negative manner. Please feel free to get in contact with me if you need further clarification on my concerns regarding the proposed Portland Water Bureau Water Filtration Facility & Pipelines project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shawn Nerison', written over a circular stamp or mark.

Shawn Nerison
Vice President
Surface Nursery, Inc.