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Testimony:

We are writing in opposition to the Portland Water Bureau's proposed water filtration facility on Carpenter Lane. We live just down the hill from the location on Dodge Park Blvd. We invested our life savings to purchase our home and property in a rural residential area to enjoy the outdoors and escape the noise and congestion in town. We have created a home for our grandchildren to enjoy and feel safe.

One of our favorite places is our pollinator garden. We have spent thousands of dollars and back breaking time cultivating the soil and planting the correct vegetation to support our areas vulnerable pollinator population. On a warm summer day, we can go out into the middle of the garden, feel the energy, and hear soft buzzing from bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and other pollinators. Industrial noise from the filtration facility will take these natural sounds away from us.

We spend every evening sitting on our back porch, listening to chirping birds, watching frolicking squirrels steal from our bird feeders, and watching mother deer lead their fawns through our property. The deer cross Dodge Park at our property and head up the hill towards the property of the proposed filtration facility. Building a filtration facility in our rural residential neighborhood will negatively impact our local deer and other wildlife. It will disturb this migration path and rob us of enjoying the deer in our yard.

From spring to fall, we enjoy watching others take advantage of the scenic views along Dodge Park Blvd. On most days, you will find many bicyclist, walkers, joggers, and horseback riders enjoying the peaceful countryside. Increased traffic from ongoing construction, followed by daily operations of a filtration facility will take this away from us.

We are also concerned over the massive amount of hazardous chemicals that will be used in daily plant operations, transported to the site 365 days per year in all weather conditions. Just this winter, a fuel truck transporting fuel to a Portland Water Bureau facility on Lusted Road hit ice and slid into my front yard. The truck blocked an entire lane of traffic in dangerous weather conditions for over 5 hours. Our roads are designed for residential travel and farm use, not large trucks carrying hazardous materials. I fear for the safety of all of my neighbors if this facility is built. There will be accidents and loss of life. Combining increased traffic and accidents with the inability of our emergency services to handle the increase is not an acceptable risk.

The proposed water filtration facility is inconsistent with the character of our area. We are a rural residential neighborhood surrounded by beautiful, prime rural farmland. If this facility is approved, our communities quiet rural nature, the safety of our roads, the majestic wildlife and the subtle sounds of nature that we cherish will be ripped away from the community forever.