

Jim and Theresa Bunting

37039 SE Lusted Rd

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.

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