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Mayor Wheeler and City Commissioners,

Thank you again for meeting with us recently for our annual Legislative Advocacy Day. As a smaller school district in Northeast Portland, Parkrose is often overlooked in city planning, and we are so grateful for the thoughtful time and consideration you took in meeting with us.

This letter is to put in writing what we've already requested in person. As the elected directors of the Parkrose School District Board of Education, we request that Portland City Council issue an emergency moratorium on development of logistics warehouses over 250,000 square feet in East Portland. The City of Vancouver recently took this step* in response to community concerns about diesel particulate air pollution, traffic congestion, and the limited amount of low-wage jobs created by large warehouses.

The proposed freight warehouse development at Sandy and 122nd will bring increased heavy freight traffic through the major student crossing at 122nd and Shaver Street as well as up 121st Place, adjacent to Parkrose High School athletic fields. Parkrose School Board Student Representatives Hunter Napa'a and Justin Santos have testified to us about the concern among Parkrose students not only for air quality during practice and athletic events, but for traffic safety as they walk to and from school.

As you know, 500 of our district's almost 3,000 students qualify for transportation assistance because of the lack of safe routes to school. 72% of Parkrose students are low-income, over 70% are students of color. As a community that already faces significant barriers to livability and thriving, Parkrose School Board joins with the Parkrose and Argay Neighborhood Associations to call the Portland City



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Council to honor the city's commitment to environmental justice for historically underserved communities. We are encouraged by the transportation investments planned along 122nd Avenue, and request that student safety be added as a priority in planning those improvements.

Thank you again for all you do to lift up our strong and resilient community. As Parkrose School Board members, we are proud to be part of the City of Portland and grateful for your leadership.

Sincerely,

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*<https://www.kgw.com/article/news/local/vancouver/vancouver-pauses-new-big-warehouse-development/283-3229a3af-a238-4d55-b8d5-543da0e5e85c>

p.s. We recently learned of the state's commitment to making federal funds through the CHIPS Act available for Oregon communities. Due to its size and location, the site at 122nd and Sandy is a good fit for a semiconductor research and development facility. Our students would deeply benefit from the chance to receive technical education and pursue career internships close to home. We sincerely hope there will be time to explore this exciting possibility for our students.

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