Dear Administrator McCarthy,

I am writing to express my support for the request you recently received from U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley and U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer. As a resident of SE Portland affected by this health crisis, I find their request a good start to the response I expect from both local and federal authorities. Your assistance in responding to this public health emergency is paramount to achieving a speedy and successful resolution to this health issue. The discovery of poor air quality, as documented by the Oregon DEQ, starts back in 2004. The fact health authorities and the DEQ are only now targeting the hotspots of dangerously high levels of cadmium and arsenic in the air in Portland, Oregon is beyond tardy. In my opinion, it borders on incompetence and a gross negligence to meet the basic expectations we have for the Department of Environmental Quality and the Health Authority. I do not see either of these agencies as having the ability without your support to respond appropriately to these issues.

Please consider supporting us by responding to their request and assisting with all items they have asked for. I, along with my very active community, will be looking for assistance, focusing on the following items:

- Updating as soon as possible federal emissions standards for stained glass plants like those connected to the hotspots to protect the surrounding communities;
- Helping city and state officials to assess current public health risk factors in affected areas of southeast and north Portland;
- Increasing the federal agency's role in the areas of air quality monitoring, modeling and research to halt and prevent

I have included a picture of our family, so you know who we are. These are the faces and lives of the people affected by this health threat. Please keep us in mind as you make your decision.

Thank you for your time,

Kristin Brown

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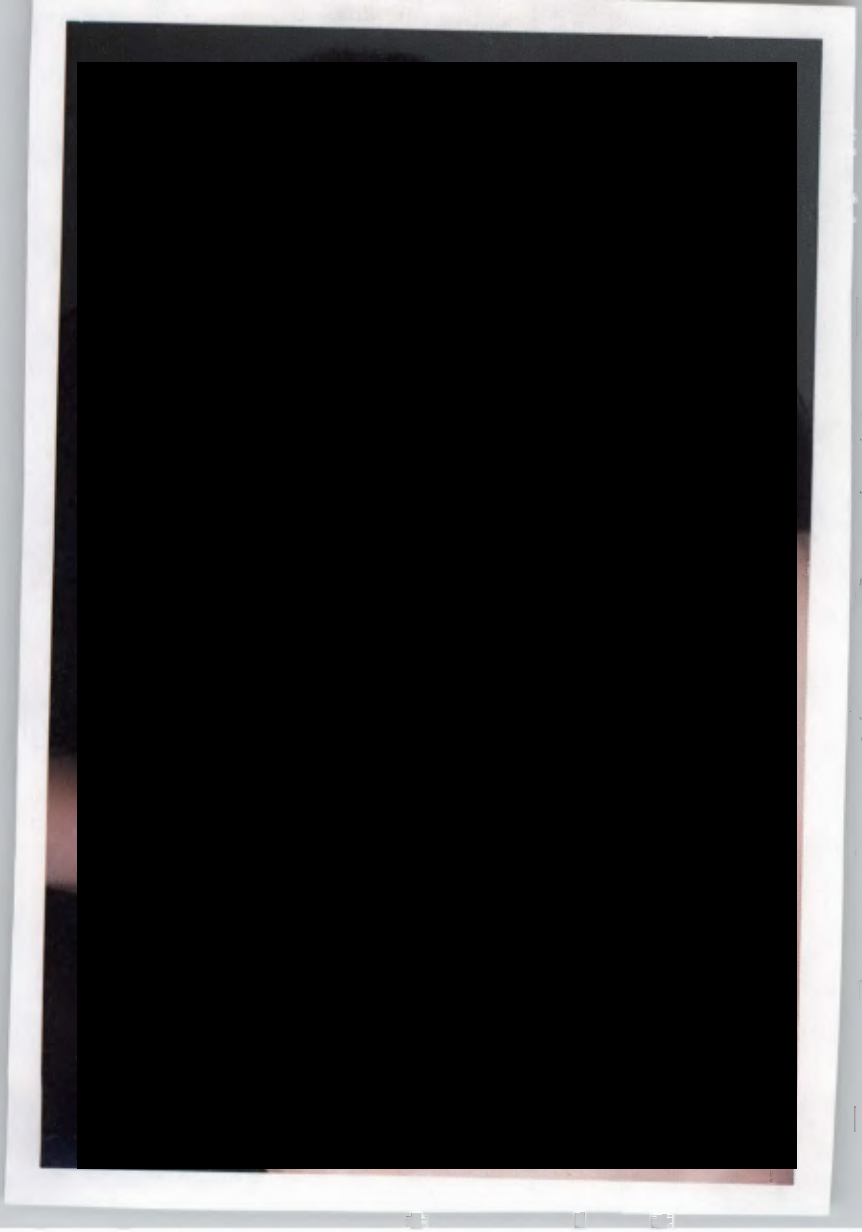

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