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The Cully neighborhood in Portland, Oregon is a wonderful place to raise a family, with a number of elementary schools, a growing system of friendly and accessible parks, large yards producing garden vegetables and fruits, and a vibrant community trying to remain inclusive and diverse. With a business redevelopment sector on the rise, and many new families moving in, Cully is becoming a thriving multilayered community. There are many fine and talented craftspeople who live and work here. There are small farms, and even ecologically designed intentional housing communities. Amidst the wonders and beauty of the Pacific NW, our community is getting better and stronger.

The Cully Air Action Team (CAAT) was formed within the Cully Association of Neighbors (CAN), and has been working on air quality issues for the past few years. State regulatory agencies, such as Oregon DEQ, OHA, the Port of Portland have noted our efforts and are now working with us on local air quality issues. And, in quite a feat of recognition of our efforts to protect community health, one of the larger local generators of nui-

sance odors and pollution, Porter Yett, decided to install cutting-edge technology to reduce odors and Blue Smoke at their Cully facility in 2017. So far, these new filters seem to be working quite well. The community is very hopeful that this will result in lower toxic emissions into our neighborhoods.

With the growing awareness of the dangers caused by air pollution and soil contamination on the health of children, elderly, and really all residents, our attention is now turning to your facility, and Owens-Brockway's upcoming permit renewal from the State of Oregon. CAAT is very concerned regarding your local facility's ambient lead emissions, chromium releases, and the other toxins that your facility regularly releases into our neighborhood. How those emissions affect neurological development of young children is one of our primary concerns, given our diverse and growing community of families, and the close proximity of three public schools to the Owens-Brockway site.

We are asking you to become a part of the solution for maintaining a clean, healthy environment. O-I is a large corporation that is working in an arguably noble field: recycling. The sheer size of your corporation presupposes a certain engineering professionalism that is national in scope and innovative in delivery. We are asking you to be innovative at your local facility as well, as you continue to operate in the community, by placing our health at a higher level than you may have done so previously. If Porter Yett is willing to install cutting-edge filtering technology, and SAPA and Glass Alchemy are now listening to and working with the community, we are hopeful that O-I will do the same regarding the Owens Brockway facility. It is past time for the Owens-Brockway facility to utilize existing TBACT to filter out damaging metals and other dangerous toxins. CAAT is asking you to reduce ambient lead and chromium release to <1% of current emissions and eliminate the release of other dangerous toxins into our local airshed and waterways. Needless to say, the health of the local community should be your highest concern. The local community expects you to become a responsible participant in protecting the health of local children, families, and the Portland environment.

As your permit is up for renewal this year we will be advocating for community health through curtailing and controlling the release of dangerous metals and toxins into our neighborhood. CAAT looks forward to continuing this conversation with you.

Thank you,

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The following Portland, Oregon-based advocacy organizations sign on to the spirit of this letter:

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