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Dear Environment and Natural Resources Committee:
Thank you for hearing LD 1507.

My family lived the majority of mine and my siblings formative years in SoPo. We recreated outside all of our lives in organized sports with Mom and dad most often watching from the sidelines, as well as spending an extraordinary amount of time on bicycles riding all over the city.

Of the 6 of us, (4 kids, 2 parents) 2 had/have neuro-muscular disorders, one survived a rare brain tumor, one died at 23 from a heart condition and 1 lives with a chronic lung condition. These conditions developed in spite of overall good health and no other contributing factors.

I currently am a full-time caregiver for my mom in her 80's. She is one of the neuro-muscular sufferers, not able to walk by herself and with multiple other concerns. It's devastating to see her suffer. It was devastating watching another family member fade away to another neuro-muscular disease. It was devastating to sit by the hospital bed of the brain cancer patient who was being given last rites of the dying and who survived but was never the same. It was devastating to learn of a lung condition in a young 40-ish who rides bikes and does yoga.

And, it's devastating that the fumes being given off by the activity at the oil terminals could easily, at the very least, have exacerbated if not actually caused these illnesses.

Even now, we walk (wheelchair) the green belt, spend time at Bug Light eating Italian sandwiches and generally recreate in part of SoPo when the weather is nice.

We support the advanced notice of tanker offloads in order to reduce exposure to dangerous fumes in the air we breathe.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this incredibly serious and important issue.

Regards

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