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I am a retired South Portland teacher and resident. Having taught at the James Otis Kaler School, I experienced firsthand the fumes coming from the oil tanks. The tanks are in close proximity to the school and are right next to the playgrounds, bordering them on two sides. At the time (a period of seven years), I really didn't think about the fumes. They were infrequent. However, now, knowing the air (without smelling anything) can contain carcinogens, I am very concerned about the potential harm which they may cause. At this point we do not have enough data.

I am in favor of LD1532. This bill will give us the data we need: ongoing fence line monitoring and accurate measuring of the toxins. It is also essential to have a third party be responsible for monitoring the tanks.

Kaler School has pre-kindergarten through grade five students with two classes of each grade. These students are among the most vulnerable of our residents. It is our job to protect them.

Thank you for hearing my concerns.

Sincerely,

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