I SUPPORT A CLEANUP OF THE LOWER WILLAMETTE RIVER THAT PROTECTS THE HEALTH OF PORTLANDERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT AND IS DONE COST-EFFECTIVELY.

The Willamette River is many things to Portlanders – a place for recreation, a home for wildlife and also an industrial harbor, Oregon's largest seaport. Portland's working harbor is important to me. Nearly 30,000 people are employed in Portland's working harbor, jobs that must be preserved during the cleanup.

I support a cleanup that is:

Cost-effective. I urge EPA to get their cost numbers right so Portlanders are educated about the costs of cleanup and its benefits. The cleanup of the Portland Harbor arrives at a time that our city is growing and we face many critical affordability issues. We need a final cleanup plan that relies on accurate cost estimates and remains cost-effective.

Realistic. The Portland Harbor Superfund site is very large and the risks are not the same across the site. I encourage EPA to prioritize cleaning up the most contaminated locations, consider site-specific conditions, and set cleanup targets that are achievable in an urban waterway.

Flexible. Allow responsible parties to pursue equally protective remedies that get cleanup moving forward soon.

I believe the cleanup of the Willamette River offers opportunities for the future of our region. Let's move forward to a respor(b) (6)

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