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Commissioner Dan Saltzman
Portland City Hall
1221 SW 4th Ave.
Portland, OR. 97204.

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DAN SALTZMAN

Dear Commissioner Saltzman:

I am writing to you to ask for your immediate help in securing a congressionally legislated waiver deeming Portland compliant with the requirements of the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2), thus avoiding the need to bury our open reservoirs and build an additional Bull Run treatment plant.

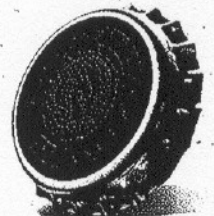
While I am sure that you will receive many, many letters opposing this deeply troubling project, I believe our petition to be somewhat unique:

Widmer Brewing, now part of Craft Brewers Alliance, was founded in Portland in 1984. And we're still making beer here in Portland; we'll brew about 10 million gallons of beer in Portland this year. And Portland is a truly great beer town – recognized as the birthplace of the American brewing Renaissance, and known at one time as "Munich on the Willamette." Simply put, Portland breweries make great beer.

And beer is roughly 95% water. The same pristine water supply which you are presently discussing filtering, chemically treating and ultimately altering in ways we don't completely understand is the very foundation and soul of the great beer that has placed Portland on the map as one of the outstanding brewing cities in the world.

Furthermore, we are a large customer. We expect to use 40 million gallons of pure clean Bull Run water this year, and to pay \$100,000 for the water alone. The proposed cost increases would double this annual cost over the next five years.

As a business navigating through economically difficult times, we can and do assert that this is simply the wrong use of however many hundreds of millions of dollars are being proposed to make Portland's water supply LT2 compliant. And we can and do assert that the increased cost to us will be burdensome, and that it is in our objective assessment completely unnecessary.





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However, our strongest argument in opposition is that this proposed treatment system will - completely unnecessarily in our opinion - change the beer that has made Portland famous.

We believe in the strongest possible way that the City of Portland should push for an EPA waiver or a Congressional legislative solution. We have a federally protected watershed and one of the purest water supplies in the world, and not one example of cryptosporidium being present in any significant detectable result. We're proud of that and we don't want to change it.

At the very least, the City should advocate for one of the solutions with the lowest cost and lowest water quality impact. If you must treat, consider UV treatment or Ozonation - neither of which raises the same grave concerns for the beer that made Portland famous.

Sincerely,

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