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**Subject:** my comments

Folks:

I'm an owner of a floating home in the Bridgeton neighborhood of Portland, OR. I'd like to voice my comments on the proposed wall you're considering putting up along my street.

I strongly disapprove of the current plan. It makes no sense. Not only does it impede traffic and service trucks, take away much of the very limited parking we now have, but it impedes life on several levels. While I am certainly 'for' a support system of some kind in case there is an event, I'm 'against' the proposed fix as it has been presented.

1. the plan totally overlooks the lives of the inhabitants, the owners of the 157 floating homes, and exhibits more care for folks who might be harmed if the river overflows than for those who live here.
2. we actually have no idea if this event will happen, and certainly no way of knowing when. It might be years/decades before the event. Why would you put up such a permanent 'fix' that may, or may not, be used while simultaneously impeding our lives and services?
3. the current plan makes the road too narrow for service vehicles to traverse. That means that it's possible that for years/decades, no service vehicles (power, emergency, recycling, etc.) will be able to drive down our street. That makes us unsafe, and unserved, for all residents. Why would anyone want to live here?
4. With only a one-way street that has no room for emergency or service vehicles, no plan to evacuate the residents of 157 homes, our property values would plummet, leaving many of us unable to afford to move elsewhere when we can't get value from our homes.
5. I understand it's possible to put in a levee system below the street that can be pulled up for a catastrophic event. Having these walls below the street would allow for normal living, normal traffic with garbage trucks and power vans and service trucks, normal parking, and be available whenever it becomes necessary.

This last comment seems to me a no-brainer. The fact it's not being considered falls into the category of not caring about people - the neighborhood folks who have lived here for decades, and must be allowed to continue living here.

I strongly, strongly object to your current plan. I am open to another plan that would allow normal life to continue and still have emergency precautions in place for when necessary.

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