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February 15, 2012

The Honorable Diane Rosenbaum
Senate Committee on Rules
900 Court St., NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Letter in Support of HB 4170A

Dear Chair Rosenbaum and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, we would like to express our strong support of HB 4170A. Both the Clackamas County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners have identified this bill as a legislative priority. Clackamas County's particular interest in this bill is to ensure the state statute provides clear and equitable treatment of allowed uses on EFU land.

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the definition of "farm use" to include dog training and testing in designated EFU areas. The nature of these facilities are compatible with, and similar in scope and character to, other types of farm uses allowed in EFU zones such as the training and stabling of equine and related uses like riding lessons and schooling shows. This bill will ensure that these training activities and facilities are treated consistently in exclusive farm use (EFU) zones throughout the state.

HB 4170A passed out of the House Committee on Rules Wednesday, February 22nd and was unanimously approved on the House floor Friday, February 24th.

We strongly urge your support for HB 4170A and thank you for considering our testimony. Please do not hesitate to contact our Government Affairs Manager, Troy Rayburn, if you have questions or need additional information. Troy is in Salem on a regular basis and would be happy to assist your office. His contact information is trayburn@co.clackamas.or.us or 503.593.8929.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Lehan, Chair
On Behalf of the Board of County Commissioners

cc: Troy Rayburn

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