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Senate Rural Communities and Economic Development Committee

Dear Chair Roblan and Members of the Committee:

The North Clackamas School District is writing in support of SB 708.

Using taxpayer support from a 2008 bond levy, North Clackamas purchased a nine-acre site in the city of Damascus for the construction of a school in the near-term future.

The School District needs certainty in its ability to plan for and develop the school site as growth is expected in the community around this school site, both within and outside the city of Damascus.

SB 708 would provide certainty for the district as it will allow us to utilize the property in accord with established Clackamas County processes. Because the city does not as yet have an approved Comprehensive Plan, there could be a delay before the school district can plan and permit the construction of a school.

For these reasons, the North Clackamas School District supports Senate Bill 708 and encourages its passage by this committee.

Sincerely,

Matt Utterback
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