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I strongly oppose SB 713 permitting firearms training centers in EFU zones (exclusive farm use.)

In Tillamook, 2012, our community depended on EFU zoning to prevent the siting of a firearms training center close to the city of Tillamook and the Tillamook River and wetlands. Farms surround our community and we enjoy living with our signature dairyland farms.

No one can enjoy living with a firearms training center. Anyone who is honest will agree with that. No one can argue necessity for a new site when there is an existing shooting range.

The Tillamook Gun Club did argue necessity for the farmland site even though they have owned their existing shooting range for many years and it is grandfathered in an industrial zone. Even so, in trying to secure the farmland site, pressure from the gun club has been intense.

Tillamook County Planning Commission and County Commissioners turned to the Exclusive Farm Use zone to attend to the greater needs of the whole community when they denied the application. As a resident, I am grateful for their decision that kept a shooting range out of my neighborhood.

SB 713 would eliminate the very tool we used in Tillamook to protect our community by protecting farmland.

We are residential zones abutting a small town and open farmland along a recreational river in a place of great natural beauty along a lively tourist route. All of those assets were at stake and would have been greatly damaged by a shooting range in our midst. Don't take our protection away.

Please vote No on SB 713.

Thank you.

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