

I am writing in support of HB2202.

I support keeping EFU for the farming of food and livestock, not for the farming of aggregate. Each year I see bills introduced and some pass which erode and change our farmland forever,,,a little bit here and a little bit there. We cannot afford to lose another acre of EFU.

Let's stop allowing more and more uses and keep our farmland intact for farming. I have not seen our population decrease and until that point, we will need all the farmland we can get to feed our children and their children.

Two hundred to 400 acres of farmland are lost each year to aggregate mining. This is the greatest threat to farming and is something we must stop now. Land that is sustainably farmed is lost forever with aggregate mining. When you dig, you ruin the soil for farming. Our topsoil is one of most precious resources. We need to preserve our EFU for farmland and that is it.

HB 2202 protects the Willamette Valley's prime farmland. I urge you to support this Bill.

Sincerely,

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