

TO: Brian Clem, Chair

and Members of the House Committee on Rural Communities,

My name is Gary Gentemann. My family owns land in the North Hillsboro area that Metro included in the 2010 UGB expansion. I am unable to present in person but would like to submit this written testimony in support of HB 4078. The passing of HB 4078 will have an immediate positive impact on Oregon economic development and job growth. My family property has been identified as part of an area that is ideal for large lot industrial development, including a possible 3.2-million-square-foot factory that would employ at least 1,000 people. The longer the UGB expansion decision takes to resolve, the longer it will take to attract this type of development and bring much needed jobs to Oregon. Passing HB 4078 will remove a legal cloud over the area and improve Oregon's chances to attract new development that will improve the economy in the near future.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Gary Gentemann, Mgr.

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