

Dear Committee Members:

My name is Dave Vanasche and I reside at 36130 NW Wren Rd Cornelius, Oregon 97113. Please vote NO on SB716. I and my wife own and operate Vanasche Farm, which is a 2400 acre family farm in Washington County. We produce wheat, proprietary grass seed, clover seed and hazelnuts.

I was appointed and served 5 years on Metro Urban-Rural Reserve, policy, rule making and the Washington County coordinating committee. I was part of the appeal process and I participated in and agreed to the "Grand Bargain" in March 2014. To reopen this issue through the Legislature is disgusting and a breach of trust to the citizens and volunteer and government members involved in the Urban- Rural Reserve process.

This bill will allow another 1500 acres of highvalue farmland to be destroyed, for more industrial land. We have already created a 50 year supply of urban reserve land, most of which is high value farmland. Destroying farmland is destroying life. Look around the western United States. There is drought everywhere! Cities are cutting water use. Farmland is laying idle, because of drought. The majority of Oregon is in drought. The Willamette Valley, including the Portland area is the "Garden of Eden", with a mild coastal climate, 35 inches of rainfall and 200 different crops. We are the food and fiber basket of the nation and world. We are the seed production capital of the world.

The value of our land is not what it is worth per acre as urban or industrial, but instead it's worth is in the value of food and fiber it can produce!

Sustaining life, and taking care of Highvalue Farmland as a finite resource should be much more important than the politics and short-term financial gain by another 1500 acres of farmland being destroyed. Without natural resource land there is no life. Please respect Senate Bill 100 and the late Senator Hector MacPherson by voting NO on this bill.

Respectfully

Dave Vanasche / Vanasche Farm

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