



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

April 6, 2015

Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Sen. Chris Edwards, Chair
Members of the Committee

RE: SB 716, Industrial land in Clackamas, Washington, and Multnomah Counties: OPPOSE

The League of Women Voters of Clackamas County is a non-partisan, grassroots political organization that encourages informed citizen participation in government. We strongly support the idea of regional planning and Metro's responsibility to designate urban reserves for future needs. We, therefore, oppose SB 716, which we believe is an attempt to bypass Metro's plan for orderly and well-planned industrial development.

Metro recently completed an in-depth process, which included extensive public participation, to identify rural and urban reserves. SB 716 negates that work by turning 150-500 acres of farmland outside the urban growth boundary into immediate large-lot industrial sites. We believe this will also unfairly affect those sites that have already been designated as industrial within the UGB.

We believe the Metro process should be honored, and we strenuously urge this committee to vote "no" on SB 716.

Sincerely,

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