



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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Chris Edwards, Chair  
Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Edwards:

On behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, we ask you to support SB 716, which aims to enhance economic development in Clackamas County and the Portland-Metro region.

SB 716 addresses a land supply need by allowing the Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties the ability to designate one large-lot industrial reserve between 150 to 500 acres adjacent to the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) that has unique site characteristics to the region and is suitable to support and develop traded-sector industries. Equally important, SB 716 ensures there is no net increase in urban reserves or net decrease in rural reserves.

Having an adequate supply of usable, large-lot industrial land is critical to creating living-wage jobs and bolstering Clackamas County's economy. Presently, Clackamas County lags in comparison to our neighbors with respect to job growth and overall development and investment.

SB 716 provides the County with a necessary tool to ensure usable, large-lot industrial lands are available to attract investments, create and retain jobs, and ensure the type of economic prosperity that we desire for the region and the entire state.

Clackamas County aims to achieve 10,000 new family wage jobs by 2019 and to maintain a supply of large lot industrial lands. It is imperative that Clackamas County and the Portland-Metro region have the tools to attract users of large-lot industrial lands, including traded-sector firms, who historically investment in the region and offer high employment and growth potential. SB 716 will help Clackamas County and the region to better market itself when a company looks to expand its operations or when recruiting employers evaluating Oregon as a possible location.

Thank you for your consideration of this this important legislation to Clackamas County. We urge a "yes" vote for SB 716.

Sincerely,

John Ludlow, Chair  
Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners