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Subject: Senate Bill 748

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Dear Ms. Reiley,

I am unable to attend tomorrow's (Monday April 13) hearing at the Senate Committee on Environment & Natural Resources at 3pm. I would therefore appreciate your putting in the record my testimony as follows.

Dear Senators:

I am a farmer and also for 40 years was a vineyard & winery owner in the Willamette Valley. I would like to express my opposition to SB748. Since our land use laws were enacted opponents have tried to undo what the Oregon voters have enacted. This bill is simply an attempt to use employment problems in rural Oregon counties as a wedge to undo statewide land use laws. Please see thru this cover of concern and realize it is just another attempt to let developers side step the planning process. These laws have worked for our state. Every time I go to another state I realize how lucky we are to have preserved our agricultural and forest lands from Urban sprawl and spot development. I just came from New Mexico and it is painful to see their very limited agricultural land overrun by housing and willy-nilly developement.

Let's keep the Statewide Land Use Laws in place to preserve our agricultural and natural resources.

Thank you Myron Redford Redford/Wetle Farms 11750 SE Eola Hills Rd Amity, Or 97101