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**Subject: Opposition to SB716**

Dear Beth -Please forward my comments regarding SB 716 to the Senate Environment Committee.

SB 716 would authorize Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties each to designate one large-lot industrial reserve of 150 to 500 acres in an area that is currently an urban reserve, a rural reserve, or was previously designated as an urban reserve. Almost all of these areas are currently farm, forest, or natural resource areas. If the "large-lot industrial site" is taken from land now designated as rural reserve, that acreage must be made up by changing the designation on some other land outside the UGB to rural reserve. SB 716 opens *all* the current reserves land *and* thousands of acres. And all in the mistaken notion that raw land = economic development.

I want to thank the Committee for taking all the testimony on this bill but I am disappointed that despite the overwhelming evidence from every quarter, that what Metro and Oregon economic development need is investment in our existing industrial land supply - not additional raw land - the Committee has posted a "possible" work session. Written and oral testimony was received from many cities including Wilsonville, Gresham, Tualatin, and Portland all stating they have industrial lands available, including large parcels and what is needed is investment in that land not more unserved land.

**I am asking the Committee to not hold a hearing on this bill.**

**Thank you in advance for your assistance in letting this bill not move out of Committee.**

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