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To: Reiley Beth; Sen Courtney
Subject: SB 716

Dear Sir and Madam:

I am writing in opposition to SB 716 and to urge you not to give unwarranted legitimacy to this bill by holding a Work Session now scheduled for April 16.

There are numerous valid reasons expressed by numerous governmental and individual entities as to why this bill should be tabled. However, there is not one valid reason that serves the public interest for "authorizing Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties each to designate one large-lot industrial reserve of 150 to 500 acres" in areas that are currently an urban reserve, a rural reserve, or were previously designated as an urban reserve.

This bill clearly attempts to destroy the Urban Growth Boundary for the private benefit of a special interest party which will result in destroying all current land use regulations in the designated counties. Oregon has set a great example for how we can grow while protecting our important agricultural land resources. I urge you to honor these exemplary existing land use laws as enacted by numerous governmental agencies.

I do wish to thank you for scheduling the public hearing attended by so many of my friends and neighbors to express their concerns, but am very disappointed that you have now scheduled a work session on the bill. Please do NOT hold this work session.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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