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..Good Afternoon Chairman Clem and members of the Committee..

..My name is Margaret Scoggan and I live and farm on 10 acres on Grand Island..Our Island is a little less than 4000 acres and we have already had 3 zoning changes/mining applications approved..The Carrot Patch at 70 acres..The Bennett Towing Site at 100 acres..And the Baker Rock Site at 174.5 acres..All of these sites would be considered as being in my back yard and I do not support this bill..

..I believe the current process does not provide enough protection to our best farm soils, especially to the soils on Grand Island..The whole of the Island falls under Goal 7: Areas Subject to Natural Hazards..Yet the 3 mining applications were all approved and the zoning changed by Yamhill County..All of Grand Island is located in the floodplain, and most of it is in the floodway for the River..Yet Yamhill County approved all 3 permits/zone changes for these aggregate companies..Dispite expert testimony in the Baker Rock permit process about the conflicts with farming, our well and water issues, the dust from 700+ gravel trucks/trips a day, not to mention the added truck traffic on our roads and bridge..This bridge is 60 years old and the only way off the Island for everyone..Yamhill County approved the permit..

..The current score on Grand Island is three for aggregate, zero for agriculture..Changing the rules to reduce the types of conflicts that can be addressed only hides the conflicts..It does not eliminate the conflicts or correct the issues..By introducing HB 2666 the aggregate industry implies that the past denials (only 2.7% of the 358 cases in the last twenty years) should not have occurred..The aggregate industry has failed to explain why they think the permit denials were not justified..

..In the Willamette Valley the aggregate industry is destroying 400 acres per year of high quality farmland, never to be recovered..Never again to be planted in crops to feed our State, our Nation..The job loss itself is enormous, from the farmers, field workers, cannery workers and truck drivers..We should be looking for ways to provide more protection for this farmland, for our Oregon farmers and workers, not less..

..Thank you for your time in this most important matter..Margaret Scoggan..