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Subject: SB-716, please do not hold a work session

Beth Reiley
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Thank you for listening to and reading the testimonies regarding SB 716. Because of all the facts presented against the bill, we are shocked that there is a possible work session planned by the Senate Environment Committee. Please do not hold the work session as it is a waste of taxpayers money and your time.

It is so important that the legislature uphold the many years of land use milestones made by the State of Oregon. Senate Bill 100, supported and successfully voted into our State's zoning laws, should be remembered whenever over-reaching developers try to thwart the law. The 25th anniversary of SB 100 was in 1998 and is a land use hallmark and one that is envied by other states--they come here to see how we accomplished such a valuable guidepost for development.

Again and again aggressive developers and politicians try to abandon our land use rules in the name of "progress, jobs and the economy". Please do not let them "sell the idea of a land grab" for a few individuals' greed. It runs counter to the recent decision by Metro regarding land reserves and it tramples the rule of the laws we have to protect our landscape from uncontrolled development.

The grab for "raw land" outside the urban growth boundary that SB 716 outlines would destroy valuable "foundation agricultural land" in our area. A large parcel of land south of the Willamette River in Clackamas County that one developer would like to convert to industrial use was an issue before Metro ruled on the urban reserve boundary. That developer is now lobbying several of his friends in the legislature to get what they want because they could not succeed in accomplishing approval for urban industrial development on their land through Metro's decision. Bowing to this type of political influence by property owners would make a mockery of the Land Use SB 100.

Please stop any further discussion or hearings on SB 716 as it runs contrary to the laws that govern the orderly development of the State of Oregon as set forth in SB 100. This type of "through the back door bill" with "economic growth" as its excuse threatens our agricultural, forest and natural resource areas.

There is plenty of land for urban growth already in the Metro area as outlined by their recent conclusion after years of review of the subject. Metro already has industrial land available to them and also large parcels for years to come. All Metro and the State need to do is encourage investment in those lands. The legislature bowing to developers to slice off more land for industrial use by virtue of SB 716 benefits very few monied developers at the expense of Metro, taxpayers and the State.

Please do no further review of SB-716--it's not what the State of Oregon or Metro needs.

Respectfully,

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