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Chair Clem and Members of the Committee:

I believe that retention of Oregon agricultural and forest land is a high priority. I oppose any legislation or rule making that conflicts with that priority. HB 2666 is an example of such legislation, and I strongly oppose it for that reason. Uses which degrade or decrease the value of such land, cause any loss of income from it, or increase the cost of management and operation of agricultural and forest land use on it directly conflict with the long term retention of those activities and the land upon which they depend. Conflicting uses should not be allowed.

Highly productive land near water is in short supply, and cannot be replaced. Gravel aggregate can be replaced with crushed rock. Quoting from an online publication of the Portland Cement Association, "Aggregates are inert granular materials such as sand, gravel, or crushed stone that along with water and portland cement, are an essential ingredient in concrete." The statement makes no distinction between the suitability of gravel and crushed stone. Stone is abundant in Oregon.

Protection of farm and forest land should be strengthened, not weakened. I urge you to not support HB 2666.

Thank you.

John Shafer