

## Trant Lindsay

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**To:** Davidson Ian  
**Subject:** HB 2666

Dear Chairman Clem and Members of the Rural Lands Committee:

I am writing you as a citizen of Portland who is very concerned about the loss of farmland in the Willamette Valley. I was formerly on the State Board of Agriculture where I chaired the Land Use Committee. We looked carefully at the loss of prime farmland to aggregate mining. While we need gravel for urban construction, there are many places where we can mine the gravel that does not impact Class I soils as in Grand Island. We are losing up to 400 acres a year of prime farmland to aggregate mining. Our farmland is a precious resource that we can not lose.

Please do not pass this bill out of committee.  
Thank you,

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