



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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February 17, 2015

Representative Brian Clem, Chair  
House Committee on Rural Communities, Land Use, and Water  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Clem and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners (BCC), I am writing today to express our support of HB 2640, relating to the Boring Community Planning Organization (CPO) withdrawing from the Metropolitan Service District (Metro). As you may know, the Boring CPO is located due east of the City of Damascus in unincorporated Clackamas County.

We believe this bill addresses an issue that is strictly between a small community of residents in the Boring CPO and the Metro Regional Government. The Boring CPO advises the BCC on land use matters, and we therefore defer issues about their interest in growth and development to the residents in Boring and to their CPO, as is encouraged by Senate Bill 100.

Boring's inclusion in Metro appears to its residents as an anomaly because of its surrounding agricultural landscape and distance from urban centers. Because of this separation, and the issues in Damascus, we believe the request merits serious consideration.

Clackamas County believes Boring CPO's interest to withdraw from Metro is an exercise in self determination, and we support that community's efforts to work toward that end.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Chris Lyons, Government Affairs Manager at 971-202-3007, for additional information.

Sincerely,

John Ludlow, Chair  
On behalf of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners

CC: Representative Bill Kennemer, Chief Sponsor HB 2640