



City of Canby

General Administration Office

May 11, 2015

Honorable Rep. Brian Clem
Chair, House Committee on Rural Communities, Land Use, and Water
900 Court St. NE, H-284
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Senate Bill 534

Dear Rep. Clem:

The City of Canby supports the amendments to Senate Bill 534 as proposed by the City of Wilsonville. These amendments would address the most significant adverse consequences associated with the proposed legislation, including:

- The Willamette Valley is one of the most fertile regions in the nation. Encouraging new development in the heart of this region could remove lands from active agricultural production. This action is inconsistent with State policies focusing on the preservation of prime agricultural lands.
- Roads in and around Canby are already feeling the strain of both residential and non-residential growth. The proposed amendments to SB 534 would give the City of Canby a voice in the development of the region. This would enable the City to proactively address the impacts associated with development that occurs as a result of the passage of SB 534.
- Any actions that could adversely impact the City of Canby and the northern region of the Willamette Valley should be fully vetted. Wilsonville's proposed amendments will encourage transparency in the consideration of any proposal to extend sewer and water services to unincorporated lands in the region.

The Willamette Valley's rural lands are not well served by allowing airports to become mini-urbanized areas without proper land use planning and jurisdictional oversight. The City of Canby respectfully opposes, unless amended, Senate Bill 534.

Sincerely,

Brian Hodson
Mayor, City of Canby