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Representative Clem  
Chairman  
House Committee on Rural Communities, Land Use and Water  
900 Court St NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

### **Senate Bill 534 Oppose**

The Honorable Chairman Clem and Committee Members,

The Jefferson County Farm Bureau is opposing **SB 534as is written**. This bill does not offer any protection to farmland that is not in the UGB. This bill started off as a supersiting bill.

**Farm Bureau has clear policy to oppose SB 534:**

#### **Land Use Planning 3.010**

We support the principle of land use planning for the purpose of protecting the resources and the agricultural environment and infrastructure needed for farmers and ranchers to produce food and fiber for current and future generations in a profitable manner. We are philosophically opposed to efforts to remove economically productive farm and forest land from farm or forest zones.

We are in favor of agricultural utilization of land by individual owners who live on or lease their property.

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#### **Supersiting 3.790**

We oppose the supersiting of any non-farm activity that would subtract from, or adversely affect, the surrounding agricultural industry and resource base.

The land use planning system already has in place rules that work for industrial lands and bringing lands into UGBs. When people invest in development of industrial zones and then by the legislative process that system is averted those that invested have followed the rules and process and are not benefiting from their investment.

**Our board's thoughts are that this bill could be amended to provide protection to farmland but saying that no encroachment on farmland is allowed outside of a UGB and that only existing utility corridors can be used working with the farmer(s) to not have any added impacts.**

Sincerely,

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