

Dear Committee,

I live on a small farm in eastern Oregon.
Have you ever been to Richland Oregon? I hope so, but, actually, I doubt it.

What I am asking myself right now is: what are you thinking?

Did you know that class 3 soils are prime farm land?
Do you even know what that really means?
We cannot afford to lose that farmland to development, which destroys its agricultural potential forever.

This bill would lead to a situation in which cities would be allowed to treat high value irrigated farm lands as the equivalent of non-resource lands for purposes of expanding the urban growth boundary.

Please!
Vote no on HB 2893.

We want intelligent growth. We want smart growth.

This is NOT the way forward.
Oregon needs, and MUST, represent the correct way in which we can combine the need to grow with the need to keep rural places a part of the structure of the culture of our state.

Please!
Vote no on HB 2893.