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To: Members of the House Transportation Policy Committee

I understand that a Hearing will be held by your Committee on Wednesday, April 5, on the subject Bill. This Measure would authorize the building of a Toll Road in Washington and Clackamas County, tearing up the landscape and converting farm land to cement and tar roads.

It would also authorize the destruction of the concept of "rural reserves", which, after intense studies, have already been agreed to by Washington, Multnomah, and Clackamas Counties, not to mention Metro. Such reserves protect the best lands from development for the foreseeable future. That is the intent.

The "Model" for this renegade highway is Denver, Colorado! I like to think that Oregon can do better, and it has in many respects since Governor McCall came on scene. Let's not backtrack on his legacy! I would strongly urge you to disfavor this Measure.

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