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To: Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
Senator Michael Dembrow, Chair

Re: SB 186 - Land use designation changes - Oppose

I oppose SB 186 as a gross violation of the effectively designed statewide land use goals and the careful process established by the Land Conservation and Development Commission to manage the land use process here in Oregon. SB 186 seeks to avoid public review by local and regional citizens and governments, as well as all the controls and guidelines for managing Oregon's valued lands for development.

The next UGB review process is already underway by Metro, with its targeted timeline of completion in 2018. SB 186 should be killed and its proponents redirected to submit their request for re-designation of their lands to Urban Reserves back to their local and regional governments, per the long established and recognized Urban Growth Review process. It is only through this tried and tested process that the citizens and local and regional governments can effectively validate what rural lands should be re-designated for urbanization. Hopefully, this time Washington County will follow the defined requirements for designation of lands for Urban Reserves and avoid the use of pseudo-factors in their determinations. The subsequent rejection of Washington County's Urban Reserves proposal by the courts, due to the use of pseudo-factors, ultimately resulted in the Legislative "Grand Bargain", which all parties agreed to, but which the proponents of SB 186 dislike.

Unfortunately, SB 186 seeks to utilize legislative action to enable individual landowners to avoid local and regional land use planning and makes a mockery of citizen participation in the Oregon Land Use process. The periodic UGB review process is already underway, so the proponents of SB 186 need to seek redress of their complaints of the Legislative Grand Bargain, via the established Oregon Land Use process, which is already underway.

Thank you for your consideration of my opposition to SB 186.

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