

To: Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Subject: Senate Bill 186

I'm writing in support of Senate Bill 186. After years and years of unprecedented regional land use planning efforts by 3 counties and 23 cities costing enormous amounts of tax payer dollars, Washington County's urban and rural reserve planning was singled out and turned upside down. In 2014, as part of the "Grand Bargain", a small group of individuals came up with a back room deal behind closed doors. It was only presented to Washington County and City of Hillsboro as a done deal. What took 7 years to plan was changed over one weekend with no public knowledge that it was even happening. This outrages me. I'm an older person who grew up in Hillsboro on a farm on Jackson School Road and care deeply about the environment and farming and good planning for growth.

This regional planning effort should never have been solved in the legislature. It should have been solved by local parties working together. But since it was messed up by the legislature it can only be solved there. What should be done to make this right:

- The Legislature should change the area in the original North Hillsboro urban reserve south of the Sunset Highway back to "urban".
- The Legislature should authorize, in cooperation with Metro, the City of Hillsboro to undertake a "Concept Plan" for North Hillsboro.
- The Legislature should mandate that the UGB be changed in accord with the results of the Hillsboro concept planning results.

Senate Bill 186 can do this and I support it. I hope you will too. I very much appreciate this committee's consideration of this extremely important issue.

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