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Dear Representatives,

I have been a resident of the Hillsboro area for 57 years. Having grown up in a home on Evergreen road, I have become very familiar the growth of Hillsboro. I have served on the Evergreen Road PAC and I was chairmen of the CPO 8 committee to promote the Jackson School road overpass on Highway 26, to save lives. My grandfather and uncles have been lifetime farmers and my family members will continue to farm for many years to come. Many of their farms are along Jackson School road. I currently live and farm cattle and grass hay in the Helvetia area. Based on my personal experience, I understand exactly how important responsible planning is in an urban area like Hillsboro.

I urge you to vote yes for HB 4075. The property involved in this Bill lines a main transportation route into Hillsboro. Heavy traffic along Jackson School road has made it increasingly dangerous to move cumbersome machinery from one field to the next and to try to enter the roadway with large trucks loaded with seed crops. My family's farms have good soil, but they are located in the path of growth. I understand clearly that this land must be considered in planning for future growth. That planning is happening now. To leave this area out of the planning processing is irresponsible. By leaving this land in a rural reserve it prohibits planners from considering it in our area's regional plan. It was after years of study and consideration that Metro originally designated this land as Urban Reserve. Growth will happen whether we like it or not, so let's plan for it.

Please return our property to local reginal control by voting yes on House Bill 4075.

Sincerely,

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