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Dear Representatives,

Please vote yes on House Bill 4075. This bill will return 1700 acres to local control. Our region is one of the fastest growing areas in the state. It is vitally important for us to be able to plan for the growth that is taking place in the Hillsboro area.

I am 86 years old and have lived on Evergreen Rd. for the last 60 years. Before that I grew up on Jackson School Road, one mile away, as part of a farming family. I have experienced changes that I could not have imagined in this area; some of those changes have greatly impacted my home. When Evergreen road was widened much of my front yard was taken for the transportation needs of Hillsboro. Planning can prevent the need to disrupt the lives and homes of others.

Holding back growth is not realistic. What is realistic is planning the best placement for that growth. As Hillsboro has grown, my family has also grown. My grandchildren want to buy houses in Hillsboro, but are consistently priced out of the market because of the short supply in housing. The rapid growth of jobs in Hillsboro has drawn employees that want housing close to their work. It makes sense to make housing available in Hillsboro to cut down on long commutes. That is why it is so important for the property that is North of Evergreen to be considered in the planning process.

Metro was established to insure that growth was planned in the best interest of our region. Please allow them to do their job. Vote yes on House Bill 4075.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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