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Dear Representatives,

REF: HB 4075

I have lived in Hillsboro my entire life of 58 years and 30 of those in the Helvetia Area. I grew up on Evergreen road and have seen the changes and growth in this area. My grandfather and then my uncles farm the areas that are in discussion. They can and will farm these areas for many years to come. But with all the growth in this area, both industrial and residential we need to look to the future. We need to look forward and realize that farming these areas have become more and more difficult with all the traffic that the surrounding industrial business and residential housing has brought here.

I urge you to vote yes on HB 4075. All the properties in this bill require them to farm and use these roads at the same time as those who travel to and from their jobs. The heavy traffic on Jackson School road makes it hard & sometimes impossible to move farm equipment from farm to farm and take their harvest to market. Plus there are the safety hazards with so many vehicles on these roads at the same time. The farm has been in our family for many, many years, but unfortunately it is surrounded by growth and must be considered in the planning for future growth. The time for this is now. By leaving this land locked in rural reserve indefinitely makes any future growth planning unavailable. Metro originally designed this land as Urban Reserve, after many years of consideration & study. Whether we like it or not, this area is growing. In many ways this land has already been designated for future growth when planning allowed the existing industry and housing to expand all around it.

Please return our property to the local regional control by voting **yes on HOUSE BILL 4075.**

Thank you for your consideration,
Kathy Brown