



CITY OF NORTH PLAINS

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House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

Representative Brian Clem – Chair

Dear Chair Clem and members of the Committee,

The City of North Plains City Council is in opposition to HB 4075. Historically, there has been a buffer between North Plains and its urban growth boundary and the Metro-established urban growth boundary that included Hillsboro. The North Plains Comprehensive Plan envisions a buffer between Hillsboro and North Plains. North Plains had been referred to as a Satellite City during the Rural and Urban Reserves designation process in 2010.

During the tri-county discussions regarding establishing Urban and Rural Reserves, North Plains expressed a position that there remain a buffer between Hillsboro and North Plains. The previous Mayors of Hillsboro and North Plains met during that process and there was an agreement that North Plains would not object to the Urban Reserves designations requested by Hillsboro provided that there remain a buffer between Hillsboro and North Plains. The Rural and Urban Reserves approved by the Washington County Board of Commissioners retained the buffer. The "Grand Bargain" approved by the State Legislature also retained the buffer. The "Grand Bargain" changed the North Plains requested Urban Reserves east of McKay and south of Hwy 26 to Undesignated. If this legislation is approved, the Urban Reserve designation will have no separation from North Plains.

North Plains has always expressed a position that it did not want to be a part of Hillsboro. North Plains planning efforts, such as the Housing Needs Analysis, Economic Opportunities Analysis, the update of our Comprehensive Plan and infrastructure planning reflect that fact. This legislation will result in North Plains being known as North Hillsboro.

Respectfully submitted,

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