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House Committee on Transportation
State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Testimony on HB 4092 – Aurora Airport Expansion

Chair McLain and Members of the Committee on Transportation:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 4092, a bill relating to the expansion of the Aurora airport runway. 1000 Friends of Oregon is a nonprofit, membership organization that works with Oregonians to support livable urban and rural communities; protect family farms, forests and natural areas; and provide transportation and housing choice. We have been involved with and defenders of Oregon's land use system for over forty years.

We oppose this bill because it is simply not needed. The proposed expansion to the Aurora airport runway is well-suited to go through the local land use process, which the proponent has not yet done. The local process provides the proponent with the opportunity to demonstrate to the local governments and community why the expansion is justified under the exceptions criteria, and for the expansion to be implemented in a way that reasonably accommodates other community needs. The local process also allows for public participation and gives the local jurisdictions involved the opportunity to evaluate the proposal's impacts on the adjacent lands and overall land use pattern in the area. We encourage you to vote no on this bill and allow the proposal to proceed through the process as with any other land use proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Meriel L. Darzen".

Meriel L. Darzen
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