House Committee on Transportation Policy

RE: Recommending a NO Vote on HB 4092

Dear Chair McLain and Committee Members:

I recently learned that a proposed bill has been introduced in the House and has been assigned to your committee, the House Committee on Transportation Policy. It is HB 4092 and involves substantial changes at the Aurora airport. As I understand it, this bill seeks legislative approval for the acquisition of an unspecified quantity of land near the airport for airport expansion on EFU land. I also understand that the bill would obviate the necessity of the developers of this land to follow the usual Oregon land use and public processes. I believe that this bill will hijack the opportunities local farmers, municipalities, near-by residents and other stake holders near the airport to use the public processes our established land use laws provide.

I know that you will give very careful consideration of this matter.

Thank you.

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