NO on the -7 amendment to HB 4060

Dear Co-Chairs Beyer and McKeown and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation:

I am a co-owner of a farm in Hubbard, Oregon where we have farmed for 103 years. I am asking that you vote No on the -7 amendment to HB4060.

Aggregate has many rights in the Willamette Valley, and moreover has a 97% success rate for siting aggregate projects within farm zones (DLCD data). Aggregate is not hurting.

Agriculture is the number 1 industry in my county of Marion and hugely important throughout the state where it preserves the beauty of our Oregon while providing many jobs and exports. Farmers need to protect their farms particularly the quality of water and this amendment eliminates conditions in place to protect our farms' operations. Under the current law, a mine doesn't necessarily trigger environmental permits, especially for water quality.

Local control is important. The county controls looks at localized impacts to neighbors. These are totally different standards than the state and federal laws.

Protect your local control and your farmers. Vote no on the -7 amendment to HB 4060.

Thank you.

Kathleen Carl