



February 20, 2018

RE: Oppose -7 amendments to HB4060

Co-Chairs Beyer and McKeown and Members of the Committee,

As a grape grower and winemaker, I urge you to oppose the -7 amendments to HB 4060. The proposed amendments would eliminate the ability of the county to control local development and to hear from farmers like me about the impacts to their businesses.

State and federal laws don't take the impacts to neighbors into consideration; the local process does.

A personal example: Years ago, the Timmons mine in the Dundee Hills was creating adverse conditions to surrounding vineyards. The road was breaking down under the weight of daily haulage, and careless trucking practices made it dangerous to drive tractors and other ag equipment. Landowners were able to work with the county to create a fair road maintenance agreement and to create sideboards so all our businesses could continue to thrive.

Since the Baker Rock/Grand Island debate in Yamhill County, it's clear that what the DLCD states is true: local land use approval is not a barrier to siting mining projects. It does not surprise me that there is a 97% success rate for siting aggregate projects within farm zones.

The proposed -7 amendment denies neighbor input to how a shared resource is developed. It is a gag to local control and taxpayer voices. It's a blow to farming, one of the state's main economic engines.

I urge you not to adopt this amendment. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Lett". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jason Lett

The Eyrie Vineyards

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