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To: Sen Dembrow; Sen Olsen; Sen Baertschiger; Sen Bentz; Sen Roblan; Sen Taylor; Sen Prozanski

Cc: SENR Exhibits

Subject: HB 4031 - Proposed "Red Barn" amendment - Please vote NO

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I am a land owner, resident, and voter in the rural area south of Canby. I have been a good steward of our 62 agricultural acres near Yoder since 1976.

The land proposed as a legislative rezone is just south of the Willamette River at the I-5 exit for Canby/Hubbard. However, the river has been long established as the proper natural boundary between the urbanization to the north and the rural agricultural areas to the south.

The proposed amendment to HB 4031 would <u>arbitrarily</u> convert 18 acres of exclusive farm use land, owned by businessman Bob Lanphere, from <u>rural reserve</u> in the midst of French Prairie to <u>rural industrial</u> in contradiction to longstanding Oregon Land Use goals and policies.

Please note that the subject property was zoned EFU and in the Rural Reserve when Mr. Lanphere purchased it. His request to redesignate and rezone the property was considered and denied by all official reviewing bodies, including Clackamas County, the City of Wilsonville, the Dept. of Agriculture, the Dept. of Transportation, and the Dept. of Land Conservation & Development (DLCD).

The land is high value farmland in the midst of the fertile French Prairie farming region. Its proximity to the Metro urban area makes it an excellent site for even small-scale farming. There are a growing number of younger farmers looking for small properties to cultivate specialty crops for sale to the Portland area market. The current farm related structures and development on the property mean it is ready to till for a new ambitious owner.

<u>Please do not support any such amendment</u> or site specific legislation that would allow use of Mr. Lanpere's "Red Barn" acreage for something other than its current designation - EFU and Rural Reserve. No commercial or industrial uses to be allowed.

Legislative spot-zoning disconnected from overall planning and the nature of the area, to favor one individual, is <u>wrong</u>.

Thank you for taking this matter seriously and letting the Oregon planning process work for the people's interest, not just the special interests of one person.

Sincerely,

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