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Dear Chairperson Senator Dembrow and Vice Chair Senator Olsen and members of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

I am a co-owner of a farm in Hubbard, Oregon, that has been in our family for 103 years and now has a 5th generation living there. I know from our family's experiences that farmers need consistent land use laws, that preserving large chunks of farm land keeps farming viable, and that farmers are an aging population and opportunities for young farmers need to be preserved.

To this end, the land use laws need to be followed. Throwing in a legislative give-away to one owner undermines our system. The land described in this amendment was zoned EFU and in the Rural Reserve when Bob Lanphere bought it. The farmhouse and barn and paved area on it were approved as farm-related uses. Rezoning to Rural Industrial was denied by Clackamas County and opposed by the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Land Conservation and Development. There is no justification for this landowner to have a special legislative handout.

The Rural Reserves were created to preserve large farm acreage near the urban Metro area. Putting a rural Industrial zone in middle of farm land defeats the Rural Reserve and Urban Reserve agreement. Please don't allow breaking this agreement for one landowner. Please don't override the local control of Clackamas County. Please don't undercut the viability of farming in this area.

Young farmers need opportunities. Although many could not purchase a large farming operation, a smaller site like these 18 acres close to urban areas allows young farmers or potential young farmers the opening of a way to start. This is

the fertile French Prairie farming area. Please keep it.

Do not allow Amendment -5 to HB 4031.

Thank you.

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