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To: <u>Sen Dembrow</u>; <u>SENR Exhibits</u>

Subject: Lamphere Property/Amendment to HB3041

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## **Dear Legislators:**

- Do not allow an amendment that would allow use of the Red Barn site for something other than how it is currently designated EFU and Rural Reserve. No commercial or industrial uses.
- The property was zoned EFU and in the Rural Reserve when Lamphere purchased it.
- Rezoning to Rural Industrial was denied by Clackamah County and opposed by City of Willsonville, Dept. of Agriculture, Dept. of Transportation, and Dept. of Land Conservation & Development (DLCD)
- This is legislative spot-zoning, which is something the legislature has, for good reason, elected to stay away from.
- The land is 18 acres of 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. How are smaller and younger farmers supposed to start or stay in agriculture when urban industrial and commercial interests can outbid them for farm land.
- Three acres of the 18 acres have structures (including a farm house and barn) and a paved area all of these were approved as farm-related uses.

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