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Hello,

I understand you're considering a tax credit for brownfields in Oregon and I want to give you my 2 cents as a concerned citizen and friend of the earth.

I see brownfields in my community and on my commute every day, just going to waste. Often they are also eye sores, some are full of graffiti and trash. Others are just vacant lots with a few bollards and vertical tubes sticking out. Because of my work, I know these are monitoring wells and I assume these sites have groundwater contamination. No one wants to develop these because they are complicated, messy, and costly.

Meanwhile, the cities are sprawling out into the country and green open spaces are converted into massive apartment complexes and shopping malls.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE BROWNFIELD TAX CREDIT. We need to take care of these brownfields and get them back into productive use in our communities. We need the cleanup – the better environment. We need to minimize sprawl – and preserve nature. Unfortunately, developers are hesitant to get involved and communities often can't afford the expense. This tax credit will go a long way to fix the problem. I know it doesn't fix everything, but it's a good start and we need multiple tools to tackle the problem of brownfields in our communities.

Thank you!

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