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To: **Senators:** Dembrow; Olsen; Bentz, Prozanski; Roblan; Thatcher; **Representatives** Noble; Post

Re: [SB 408] I OPPOSE [SB 408] as written.

I oppose **[SB 408]** "...proposed division of land in exclusive farm use zone for utility services necessary for public service if it finds the use not larger than the minimum size for the use."

My opposition to **[SB 408]** arises from well-founded concerns as to the "**vague and ambiguous terms**" of, "utility services...the use not larger than the minimum size for the use." And, the lack of any language pertaining to how the "utility services" would be defined, audited (and the source of funding for an "auditing program") to ensure compliance and required monitoring of "utility services... the use not larger than the minimum size for the use."

From my perspective, **[SB 408]** as written is an end-run-around land use laws to facilitate urban growth boundary expansion predicated on "... utility services necessary for public service." Urban Growth Boundary expansions should be prohibited, cities are consuming agricultural lands at an alarming rate.

[SB 408] could be advertised to facilitate and enable **[SB 2844]** to meet the power requirements of a [2,500 square foot] buildings for Marijuana and or other agricultural processing purposes. *Again, this application requires monitoring costs to insure the "utility services" are not intended as a pretext to expand Urban Growth Boundaries.*

[SB 408], could be used to "open-the-door" to; Solar farms, Publically Owned Treatment Works (POTW), microwave towers, and school expansions **[HB 2919]** on EFU zoned land because, the aforementioned require reliable power. **Again, this application requires monitoring costs to insure the "utility services" are not intended as a pretext to expand Urban Growth Boundaries.**

"Solar Farms" are an exceptionally devious scheme involving government "tax schemes" to fund the hype generated by "Cap and Trade." Beware of California corporations wanting to create solar farms in Oregon for tax credits in California. In California, "cap and trade" was promoted to create funds for a myriad of environmentally focused energy projects. Once the money started rolling in, the lying bastards started using the money for low-income housing amongst other ill-conceived social projects.

There will be "more clever and or sinister interpretations" on how **[SB 408]** could be applied.

If approved **[SB 408]** as written, will assuredly enable and facilitate removing priceless and irreplaceable farm lands out of agricultural production in perpetuity.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ David S. Wall

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