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Via Electronic Mail

To: **House Committee on Rules; House Committee on Economic Development; Senator:** Thatcher;
Representatives: Post; Noble; [and many others]

Re: I DO NOT SUPPORT: [HB 2974], [HB 3110] and [HB 2053]: VOTE NO on [HB 2974, HB 3110 and HB 2053].

[HB 2974]: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2974/Introduced>

Analysis: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2974/Introduced>

[HB 3110]: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB3110/Introduced>

Analysis: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureAnalysisDocument/45415>

[HB 2053]: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2053/Introduced>

Analysis: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureAnalysisDocument/42028>

First, I want to dispel a common myth that Californians who move to Oregon are "destroying" Oregon. It is Oregonians who vote for people like you who are destroying Oregon. As I am in my third year as legal immigrant from San José, California, I know all too well what "Economic Development schemes" and the formation of a Joint Power Authority (JPA)- (in this case a Bridge District) can wrought upon pristine and irreplaceable farm lands.

[HB 2974], the formation of this particular "Bridge District" is ill advised. Yamhill, Linn, and Polk Counties do not have the population base (and hopefully they never will) to adequately and fairly participate in paying for Salem's Bridge. Marion County's Agricultural community is constantly under attack by unnecessary population growth of Salem-which in itself reflects a deteriorating welfare state. Further, Yamhill, Linn, and Polk Counties' populations, as a whole, rarely would use "Salem's Bridge" so, why should they be compelled to subsidize relief from the torments of Salem's growing and unacceptable traffic congestion? This "Bridge District" will over time, will accelerate the destruction of the established agricultural economies of the aforementioned Counties and replacing them with residential housing and the trappings associated with transient economies that are not reliant. Once the irreplaceable and priceless farm lands are gone, they will never return. Yamhill, Linn, Polk and Marion Counties will become like the San Francisco Bay Area who cry insatiately for "organic" and fresh food grown-locally. It's too late for these city dwellers. "Economic Development" replaced farms along with their pitiful souls.

[HB 3110], the formation of "Oregon Rural Resource Center" otherwise known as "the Grant writers full employment act" is ill advised. "Grants" always have long-term obligations which cost more taxpayer monies than revenue received from the Grant. Empowering the "Association of Oregon Counties and the League of Oregon Cities" to operate and manage the "Oregon Rural Resource Center" is akin to "letting the foxes guard the hen house." **[HB 3110]** is an unnecessary expansion of a failed government requiring increased tax revenues to support the "Grant's shortfalls and long-term obligations." This Bill is an abominable boondoggle and should be rejected.

[HB 2053]: Reading the text of this Bill can be interpreted in at least two ways, one it is a "sleep aid" for insomniacs and the other is a treatise on social engineering that despises the market place and enshrines elements of the socialist manifesto with reference to compelled wage rates and burdensome regulations. The establishment of "Enterprise Zones" in rural areas in conjunction with "long term incentives for rural and business income tax exemptions" is illusory as purchasing the winning Lottery ticket-many people buy one and yet, so many people lose. Such as the case here, carpetbaggers will descend upon rural areas with all sorts of promises, paid for by the taxpayers. What is the result? Loss of income tax revenues, taxpayer money spent on making some people rich and the worst; the inevitable increases in Urban Growth Boundaries to support a transient economy while irreplaceable, priceless farm lands and Oregon's agricultural economy are systematically destroyed.

[HB 2974, HB 3110 and HB 2053] if passed into law will accelerate the diminution of Oregon's agricultural economy via the investment of taxpayer monies to install a "socialist transient economy" that is beset with stringent wage and burdensome regulations. At some point in time, the destruction of Oregon's agricultural economy will be irreversible.

Blame Californians for destroying Oregon? Go pound salt.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ David S. Wall