

April 1, 2019

House Committee on Rules

Oregon State Capitol

Regarding HB 2974

Dear Chair Holvey and committee members;

My name is Kathryn Jernstedt and I live on the Frank and Anna Jernstedt Century Farm, established in 1891, in rural Yamhill County. Generations of the family have been and remain deeply committed to protecting our valuable agricultural heritage against the pressure of development and non-farm activities in traditional farming communities.

Please do not support the passage of HB 2974 which would, to quote Rep. Evans, establish a 28<sup>th</sup> category of special district. The special district form of governance is rightly limited in application because it is outside of the organization and manner of operation with which most citizens are familiar. Mid-Willamette Valley and Capitol Region District are nebulous terms with the potential to impact profoundly diverse communities with equally diverse priorities.

The existing statewide transportation planning systems and processes are the proper venue for this sort of work. With all of the railing against Metro it is hard to imagine another layer of government being welcomed. Please do not advance HB 2974.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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