

good morning.

my name is maryellen hockensmith mcculloch and i am a farmer in multnomah county. i own 80 acres, much of which is wooded. we are working hard to protect one of the last wildlife corridors in the county, at the head of abbey creek, an important tributary for the tualatin river. we are surrounded by measure 49 claim farms and wooded properties.

it is important for both nature and humans that this contiguous natural area exists in our densely urban area. it connects elk, bobcat, deer, and bears to coast range parkways. this place connects people to farming in close proximity. we provide green space for the environment and wind breaks to nearby suburban developments inside the urban growth boundary.

measure 49 is a compact that the people of oregon have made with each other. we care about the connection to open spaces and farming. we don't want development without logic. it doesn't make sense to allow developments without connections to existing infrastructure. the elimination of the 10 year waiting period will ultimately create islands of intense populations that taxpayers have to connect to infrastructure. as oregonians, we know that this does not make sense.

please vote to protect measure 49, the people of oregon, and natural corridors in our state by voting against sb 1050.

thank you,

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