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I'm Polly Gottesman, co-owner of Pumpkin Ridge Gardens, a 33-year-old CSA in North Plains, Washington County. One thing I've learned from farming is that it is a long-term endeavor. I expect our elected Oregon representatives to share that long-term vision with me and not to make short-term, short-sighted decisions like annexing farmland for semiconductor production.

The 25 acres I farm on is a 50-year rural reserves. This bill is threatening to make that designation meaningless. Allowing any one person to unilaterally change zoning (as sections 10 and 11 do) and restricting appeals is fundamentally anti-democratic. Listening to William Rasmussen's testimony at this hearing should make all of the lawmakers on this panel realize how few safeguards you are leaving citizens with the passage of this bill. And he urged even worse, more expedited wording! You should slow down, do your job, and protect our state's land-use legacy.