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Chair Taylor and Committee Members  
Senate Committee On Labor and Business  
900 Court St. NE Salem, Oregon 97301

### **Oppose the -A6 Amendment to HB 4040**

Dear Chair Taylor and Committee Members,

Jefferson County Farm Bureau is a member of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF) and there is clear OFBF policy to oppose **(3.015, 13.005 and 13.780)** the -A6 amendment. As a county farm bureau, we oppose the dash six amendment to HB 4040.

The original intent of HB 4040 was to fix the application process to allow the State Fair and Expo to apply for grant funding for broadband internet upgrades.

The original bill wasn't about land use. We encourage the committee members to vote no on the -A6 amendment. Allowing a special interest one-off amendment late in the short session is not what this session was meant to be when approved by the voters. To repeat, **"this bill with the dash six amendment is not needed"**. Let the land use system work. Jefferson County Farm Bureau cannot support this precedent of allowing for an individual(s) to choose to go around the land use system and go to the legislature for a late special amendment to benefit them financially.

**Please, honor the intent of the short legislative session and vote this amendment down and move a good bill from the House forward with a do pass recommendation.**

Sincerely,

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