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Email Transmitted:

Hon. Senator Edwards, Chair, and Members
Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 2047

Dear Chair Clem and Committee Members:

Please consider this letter and attachments as testimony on HB 2047 submitted on behalf of Mr. Jim Standing, owner of two parcels (tax lots 900 and 901 in section 15, if township 1 north 2 west, Willamette Meridian) shown and described in that attached material as “undesigned” land pursuant to HB 4078 ('13). Thank you for the opportunity request Committee approval of two amendments to HB 2047 shown in the first attachment to this testimony which would designate of the two tax lots as urban reserves.

The attachments include:

1. Two proposed amendments (with explaining side notes) to HB 2047 that would designate the two parcels “urban reserves” if included in the Bill at its enactment this Session.
2. Map showing the location of the two parcels (shown in brown at the northwest corner of the expanded Brookwood Avenue/Hwy 26 Interchange) that adjoin HB 4078-designated “rural reserves” land to their immediate north and west – a designation that prevents their urbanization for as long as 50 years. The expanding Brookwood Street/Hwy 26 Interchange was funded by OTIA monies appropriated in 2009 to enable greater employment/economic growth in the vicinity of the Interchange.
3. An excerpt from a 2014 Silicon Forest Industrial Land Need Assessment prepared by PNW Economics which explains why the Portland Region (and Oregon) urgently needs the kind of quality and “development-ready” industrial land in terms of industrial suitability, deliverability, infrastructure services and transportation access which tax lots 900 and 901 can immediately provide.

We had hoped that SB 716 would have passed because of its very helpful industrial land need provisions. The amendments to HB 2047 we propose have that same Regional economic development impetus by restoring the original Urban Reserves designation of the two parcels.

Respectfully submitted:

/S/ Patrick A. Ribellia

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Attachments: