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Dear Committee Members,

My husband and I have lived on a 40 acre farm in rural Washington County for over forty years. We have been asked countless times why we couldn't divide our property or develop our land, but we have been content to live under the somewhat restrictive rules of our EFU designation, knowing the agricultural value of our farmland and it's need to be protected.

Now, without ever having been officially informed of the fact, we hear from our astute neighbor that part of our property is in the 8A area being considered for inclusion in an urban reserve.

I would urge you to vote NO on HB 4075, as this is neither the correct time nor the correct procedure for a change in designation. While Washington County and the state of Oregon pursue business and industrial development which gobbles our land, taxes our infrastructure and pollutes our air, neglect is shown in the protection of farmland.

The 1,700 agricultural acres being considered for reclassification need to remain a rural reserve. These lands need to be protected as both a vital part of the agricultural industry in Oregon and as an irreplaceable natural resource.

Sincerely,
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