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**Honorable Members of the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources:**

I am writing with regard to HB 4075. This bill calls for the immediate reclassification of parcels in the area where I live, north of the city of Hillsboro, from rural to urban reserve.

Through a unique set of circumstances, the classification of these parcels came to the attention of the legislature in 2014. The normal land use process was set aside in that instance, with the aim of resolving a highly unusual and complex local situation.

HB 4075 “hits home” for me both because I live in the area it addresses, and because I serve on the Washington County Planning Commission. I take very seriously the need to abide by established process. There may be broader aspects to this matter that call for the legislature’s attention, but I would respectfully urge that the Committee turn back this bill to the extent that it overrides process, and seeks to settle local issues in a state setting.

Sincerely,

Deborah Lockwood