

Subject: House Bill 4075

Date: February 7th, 2018

To: The Honorable Members of the Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

There exist hypocrisy that runs rampant through those that oppose 4075 in testifying that the Oregon Legislature should not be solicited to resolve conflicts involving the administration of HB1011. It is precisely those opponents of 4075 that circumvented the 1011 process including the rulings of Oregon's Appeals Court by soliciting the Legislators. And they were successful. Now, these small groups, that achieved their goals legislatively, demand that the Legislators close the door to the land owners that were not at the those legislative negotiations. I feel strongly that should the land owners of NW Hillsboro had a voice in the legislative process as they did in the 1011 process, there would have been an entirely different outcome. Thankfully, those land owners, and others who deem Northwest Hillsboro as the best area to plan future growth, have been invited to be heard by the legislatures and we give them great thanks for this opportunity.

Only the Oregon Legislature can return Northwest Hillsboro to Urban Reserves that was previously decided by the citizens of Washington County. Because the needs of the many in the community, far outweighs any other needs the land can provide, HB 4075 must be passed.

And like the TV mobile phone ad asked, "Can you hear me know".

Thank you for the opportunity to tell our side, and thank you for listening.

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Land Owner