

Senate Judiciary Committee

Re: SB 86 Firearms Training Facilities

To: Senator Prozanski and members of the committee

We are opposed to this attempt to allow farmland zones to be sacrificed under pressure for other uses.

In 2013, it appeared the senate was thinking of farmland priority when a similar bill died. Now that this specific request for firearms training facilities has emerged again in SB 86, we hope the preservation of farmland will still be your priority in 2015.

Firearms training facilities are an inappropriate candidate for the taking of farmland and SB 86 seems an unfair package.

Respect for farming, its needs and values, and compatibility with supporting communities should stand above short-term pressure for other uses. Certainly the vast majority of citizens view farmland in Oregon as irreplaceable and worthy of long-term protection for an uncertain future.

In our view, making farmland its priority represents Oregon at its best and supports its progressive reputation in land use planning.

Please do not include firearms training facilities in farm zones. Please allow this bill to die. Please do not support SB 86.

Sincerely,  
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