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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Thomas J. VanderZanden residing at 15903 NW Logie Trail Road in Washington County. I am writing this letter on behalf of The Northwest Hillsboro Alliance (NWA) which represents about two hundred land owners in the area immediately adjacent to the Jackson East area. I am also writing this letter as the President of Walter J. VanderZanden Farms located just west of the Jackson East area. Our area, Northwest Hillsboro, was removed from an Urban Reserve designation in 2014 by HB 4078 (The Grand Bargain) which was the same Bill that placed an "employment only" restriction on the Jackson East area now affected by HB 2914.

The NWA is in favor of correcting the mistake made in the year 2014 in the Grand Bargain that greatly restricted the City of Hillsboro from considering a broader range of potential land use designations on the Jackson East area. The NWA sees this Bill as a first step in reversing some of the ill and unintended consequences of HB 4078. The City should be given the opportunity to designate the properties affected by the Jackson East planning effort in any urban use appropriate and not limited to just an "employment" related zone. We also strongly encourage the Legislature, at some future date, to reconsider the placement of the Northwest Hillsboro in a Rural Reserve designation for perpetuity. The original purpose of the Grand Bargain was to allow immediate construction of badly needed housing in Washington County. In the haste to accomplish this initiative the Grand Bargain included language that reversed years of planning and public process that occurred in the Metro Region. The NWA is supportive of a future Legislative initiative to reinstate the remainder of North Hillsboro's Urban Reserve previously approved by Hillsboro, Washington County, Metro, and LCDC. It should be stated that Hillsboro is running out of industrial land to support the future expansion of the Silicon Forest which is critical to the economic future of the entire State of Oregon. Without, at some future point in time, reconsideration of the Rural Reserve designation of Northwest Hillsboro it is unlikely the City will be able to effectively reconsider the "employment" designation of any portion of Jackson East.

In conclusion, the NWA strongly supports HB 2914 for it begins the process of giving the City of Hillsboro, in cooperation with its Regional partners, the opportunity to better plan for the future.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. VanderZanden

Member of the NWA

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