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Via Electronic Mail

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To: Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources; [and many others].

Re: I DO NOT SUPPORT: [HB 2109]

[HB 2109]: "Requires that, in election proposing annexation, votes from city and territory to be annexed be counted separately to determine separate majorities if territory to be annexed includes 100 acres or more. **Requires that votes from city and territory to be annexed be combined to determine single majority if territory to be annexed includes less than 100 acres.**"

There exists a unique flaw with the sentiment of [HB 2109].

Consider property owners whose properties satisfy, "**Requires that votes from city and territory to be annexed be combined to determine single majority if territory to be annexed includes less than 100 acres.**"

I will use Newberg, Oregon as an example of what could occur.

I live in Yamhill County, Oregon. According to local folklore, many years ago, United States Post Office employees, assigned a "Newberg Zip Code" to certain Yamhill County properties as a "quick-fix" to enable and facilitate the ease of mail delivery. Allegedly this landmark decision occurred during a "heavy drinking bout" at a local tavern. Many citizens, who were in attendance and also on very good terms with "wetting their whistles" jovially concurred and the deed was done.

There are several properties which are bounded by Newberg and a "creek" that satisfy; "**Requires that votes from city and territory to be annexed be combined to determine single majority if territory to be annexed includes less than 100 acres.**"

Newberg, at this time, has made no "annexation decisions" concerning the aforementioned properties but, they have tried, unsuccessfully in the past.

[HB 2109] will permit all Newberg voters to determine the annexation of the aforementioned Yamhill County properties. There are far more Newbergians who will vote to annex, due to more property owners to dilute the burdensome and oppressive "Municipal Service Fees" they currently are compelled to pay. The "votes" of the Yamhill County property owners will be negligible and therefore useless under the language of [HB 2109].

[HB 2109]: "**Requires that votes from city and territory to be annexed be combined to determine single majority if territory to be annexed includes less than 100 acres.**" Only the votes of the properties to be "annexed" should be counted singularly and "NOT" be combined with the vote of Newberg.

Nice try.

**Vote "NO" on [HB 2109]!**  
*Respectfully submitted,*  
/s/ David S. Wall

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