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I live in a vicinity of EFU and AF-10 land in Yamhill county. I firmly believe farmland is a valuable resource not to be used for non-farm commercial use. Towns and cities have public facilities with fees and codes that are regulated and enforced. Allowing rural farms to serve food is negating regulated business processes already in place. It increases the burden to the taxpayer by requiring regulation and safety precautions to be extended to areas where county financial resources are already spread thin. This bill would convert land intentionally set aside for valuable purpose to parking and transit. This bill promotes non-farm growth in residential and farm zones. Oregon land use laws are unique in this country. Farm and Open Land are coveted assets in an all too rapidly developing scenario where parking, paving, selling become the priority in society.

Retain our valuable land use laws and do not allow cafes and non-farm commercial entities in areas zoned for farming. Value our farmland. Value our town and city business owners who abide by public commerce codes.