



February 28, 2024

To: Chair Taylor and Committee Members
Senate Committee On Labor and Business
900 Court St. NE Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Oppose the -A6 Amendment to HB 4040

Dear Chair Taylor and Committee Members,

As a non-profit organization committed to protecting the farmland, forests, wild spaces and livability of Hood River County, and as an affiliate partner of 1000 Friends of Oregon, we oppose the dash six amendment to HB 4040.

We cannot support this amendment and are concerned about the implication it may have beyond the Bandon Dunes issue. We are concerned about yet another carve-out from laws intended to protect farmland for one situation. Not only have we seen individual carve-outs have localized impacts, but they lead to others wanting similar dispensations. This amendment is not needed, and we encourage the committee members to vote no on the -A6 amendment.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signatures of Tara and Brittney Mills in black ink.

Tara & Brittney Mills
Co-Executive Directors