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I am in support of this measure.. I have 4 kids and 6 grand kids in metro PDX.. My grand kids are all going to school and collage and will be looking for high paying jobs once they are out on their own. I very much would like to see them have opportunity to stay in the metro area and JOBS are critical for keeping our kids here and not have them searching other areas like Texas or Florida or the Carolina's that have been such job creating states.

Conversely as I travel the US in my job I see what happens when you lose jobs (Detroit) (Cleveland) Once great cities now with major factories empty for decades. We have seen this in downtown Portland with the High Rise offices shedding 70 to 80% of their value this is devastating to communities the buildings are empty because jobs left.

The land coming in is prime for development in fact much of it regardless of whats reported is NOT high value farm land and does not have water rights I know this because they are only growing grass seed on it.. How does that feed Oregonians? its a low value crop.

Hillsboro is the Tech center there is no sprawl to create more area for large corporations to build their facilities. The Idea that metro has plenty of industrial land is just not correct the parcels are scattered generally speaking and are too small to attract a major manufacturing company.

Hillsboro is one of the top sites in the entire US for this kind of development with access to reasonable priced Electric and Water along with work force and for west coast pricing cost of housing for employees. Along with all the money spent on Jackson school road over pass and round about its ready to be developed.

I want to thank you for your support of this bill its critical for the future of Oregonian families and children.