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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

Dear Senator/Representative,

I am writing to express my strong support for SB 1586 and to urge its passage as an important step toward revitalizing our community and strengthening Oregon's economic future.

The property addressed in SB 1586 is currently zoned for agricultural use, yet it lacks access to water and has no practical ability to support agricultural production. In its current state, the land does not serve its intended purpose, nor does it contribute meaningfully to the economic or social well-being of the surrounding community.

Bringing this property into the city limits would allow for responsible development that aligns with current realities and community needs. Development of this land would promote new businesses, create jobs, and increase the availability of housing—critical factors for regrowth in a community that is struggling economically. This type of thoughtful expansion strengthens the tax base, supports local services, and helps retain and attract residents and employers.

SB 1586 represents smart land-use planning: adapting zoning and boundaries where agricultural use is no longer viable, while supporting economic development where it is both practical and beneficial. This is not about eliminating farmland, but about recognizing when land can better serve the City, County, and State through development that improves overall community well-being.

I respectfully urge you to support SB 1586 and help move it forward. This bill provides a meaningful opportunity to revitalize a failing area, encourage sustainable growth, and invest in the future of our community.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to Oregon.

Sincerely, Lori Ann Wika