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Tech trends change by the decade, but once quality farmland is torn up for any reason, recovery is on the scale of centuries. Oregon's visionary Urban Growth Boundary laws have led to preservation of agricultural land that has inherent value in the most fundamental way – producing food for humanity. This is a need that will always exist, long after today's tech trends come and go. Respecting the UGB process also protects our watersheds, prevents sprawl, prevents decay in our urban cores, and improves quality of life for both urban and rural residents. I urge you to value our long-term sustenance and well being over a short-term perceived gain.

Respectfully,

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