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On Behalf Of:
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I support expanding the urban growth boundary include the 1700 acres North of Hillsboro. SB1586 will allow much needed expansion for industrial growth that will have a positive impact on our economy. This land is bordered by industrial land that will have a negative impact on the ability to farm this land. Jackson School Rd. is extremely busy, making it difficult for farmers to access it safely with their large farm equipment. The primary crop grown on this land is grass seed, not food crops, because there is no irrigation available. The industrial support businesses slated for this land will offer many jobs of a wide variety.

Oregon needs growth and this land was originally placed in the Urban Reserve after a years long public land use process. It was changed to rural reserve after a backdoor deal, known as "The Grand Bargain", with no public input. The original designation as Urban Reserve made sense due to the location of this land and the adjacent transportation infrastructure. The current expansion of the South end of Jackson School Rd. and connection of Huffman St. will add even more stress to the ability of farmers accessing with equipment.

Please join me in supporting Senate Bill 1586.

Sincerely,
Karen Reimers