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July 12, 2010

To: Urban and Rural Reserve Specialist  
Department of Land Conservation & Development  
635 Capital Street NE  
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Salem, OR 973011

Subject: Adoption of Metro Urban Reserve Areas

My letter is in objection to the decision by the Metro Council to declare the area known as the "L" to remain "Rural". This area is located on the Washington County Multnomah County line and lies east of the U.G.B., in Multnomah County.

This area prior to the Land use law of 1971 was zoned "Suburban Residential". After the law was passed all areas including my land was zoned E.F.U. Now 50 years later the county and Metro would add another 50 years to the land. This area has never produced a farm that would support a family. My Grandfather acquired the land in 1894. My father and I worked out in order to support a family and hold the land that consists of 36 acres located at 14111 NW Springville Rd.

Over the years I have made oral and written presentations at the Metro Council meetings during the last (2) U.G.B. expansions.

- Oral and written presentations to the Citizens Adviser Committee for my area during 2009/10.
- Provided written and oral presentations to the Multnomah County Board during 2010.
- Over the years since the 1990's I have met with various Metro Council members to discuss the advantages of including this area in the U.G.B.

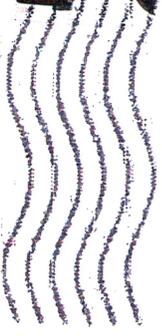
During this entire process to establish Urban & Rural areas, most of the specific criteria to identify Urban designation was over looked. I feel this was due to Political Pressuring from surrounding Neighborhoods and those living near the U.G.B. adjacent to our farm. I strongly request that this area be re-evaluated and placed in "Urban Reserve" designation or we are forced with our land being locked up for another 50 years.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.



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