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Land Conservation and Development Commission
635 Capitol Street NE, Suite 150
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Urban/Rural Reserves Rule


Dear Chair Van Landingham and Commissioners;

We would like to take this opportunity to express our support for the latest draft (January 8, 2008) of the Urban/Rural Reserves Rule. As you know, Clackamas County has been directly involved with the region's attempt to improve growth management. The adoption of SB 1011, and the rules that you are now considering offer the opportunity for the region to respond to the challenges of growth management in a new, and we believe, better way.

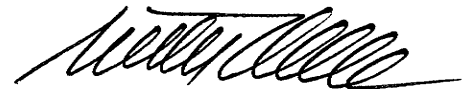
We are pleased to see that proposed rules provide for a thorough public involvement process. The ability to create Rural Reserves will allow the region to protect its most valuable farm and forest land, and recognize the most significant natural features so important in defining our sense of place. At the same time, we will be able to identify areas most suitable for urban growth, and adopt Urban Reserves designed to provide enough land for expected jobs and housing needs for the next forty to fifty years.

We know this is an ambitious attempt to manage growth in the region. We know there will be difficult decisions ahead, requiring a careful balance of several factors. The January 8, 2008, version of the proposed rules provides a substantive and procedural framework that will allow the region to undertake this task. We recommend you adopt the proposed rules.

Sincerely,


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