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Chair VanLandingham

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the inclusion of Washington County staff on the recent Rulemaking Workgroup developing a new rule relating to the creation of Urban and Rural Reserves in the Portland Metro Region.

As I understand, the Workgroup invested many long hours discussing and developing recommendations on the myriad details of the many aspects of these rules and I am very pleased that this relatively large and diverse workgroup was able to finalize a consensus recommended draft for your consideration.

As you may know, Washington County is home to the largest and fastest growing high-technology business cluster in Oregon and, at the same time has long been among the top three counties in total agricultural commodity sales statewide. These conditions make the establishment of both Urban and Rural Reserves of vital importance to not only our local economy, but that of the State as well.

On behalf of Washington County I wish to offer our full support for the Commission's adoption of these new rules.

I look forward to the continuing efforts between and among Metro and the local governments of this region in applying these new rules. I am confident that the results of the application of these rules will greatly benefit both the urban and rural economies of the Metro area.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to participate in this process.

Sincerely,

Tom Brian, Chairman
Washington County Board of Commissioners

c: Board of Commissioners, Dan Olsen, Kathy Lehtola, Brent Curtis