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Cathryn Stevens, Chair
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State Aviation Board
Kenji Sugahara, Director
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Salem, Oregon

Comment submitted as public comment in the matter of adopting the draft (proposed) Aurora State Airport Master Plan

Chair Stevens; director Sugahara; et al:

I certainly agree with the concerns raised and submitted as public comment in the above-referenced matter, and elsewhere, by 1000 Friends of Oregon and its local affiliate Friends of French Prairie; by the immediately surrounding jurisdictions (public bodies); and by the numerous neighboring interests, organizations, and entities—whom, collectively, have readily recognized, and well substantiated, that updating the master plan as proposed really does not provide for either a justified or an orderly-occurring planned growth of the airport, especially as the plan reflects how EFU lands involved are treated.

I strongly urge you all: go back to the drawing board.

Keeping much more in mind the deep-rooted obligation the department has, as a significant part of the state's governance it is, to *genuinely* recognize, and *actually* strive to uphold, the state's long held statutorily-embedded protections of its farmlands.

Those protections exist for good reason.

Sincerely,

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