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Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Semiconductors,

I am a farmer from North Plains, Washington County and co-owner of Duyck Family Farm LLC with my daughter Jacqueline Duyck Jones.

I am strongly opposed to the development of any land designated as Rural Reserves AND lands within an irrigation district (for example the Tualatin Valley Irrigation District in North Plains).

The Oregon Legislature approved SB 1011 in 2007. It allowed Metro to establish what would be Rural Reserves and what would be Urban Reserves for the next 40-50 years to replace the every five to seven-year process that the cities, counties and Metro, as well as citizens were going through.

Washington County did not follow the process intended in the bill and did not follow the law. Washington County mapped land that they shouldn't have and this is the cause of the confusion and conflicts now. Various landowners thought they would be developed but it was against what the Legislation approved.

This resulted in several legal appeals which Washington County lost. Washington County was told to start over which would delay the total process and add several more years as well as expense. The impact wasn't just to Washington County but to the total process that Metro, Clackamas and Multnomah Counties had been working on as well. This led to Representatives Clem and Unger leading negotiations between the Counties, Cities, 1000 Friends of Oregon, the Home Builders Association, Oregon Farm Bureau, Legislators and Farmers; this became known as the Grand Bargain that session.

It was not a "grand bargain" for any of the parties involved.

This was a deal based upon the negotiations.

Washington County gave up some but got land into the UGB immediately. The farmers got some of the natural buffers that were originally proposed by the state agencies and security. This was finalized and agreements signed in 2014 by the Counties, Metro, Legislature and the Governor.

As a farmer, when I make a deal with a handshake or a contract, I keep it.

I ask that the current Legislators keep the deal for your Constituents and Oregonians. A deal is a deal or we have no trust between parties.

Larry Duyck