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Board of County Commissioners  
Washington County  
155 N. First Ave  
Hillsboro, OR 97124

*Submitted via email*

**Re: Consider Adding Gas/Fuel Station Setbacks to Municipal Code**

Chair Harrington and Commissioners:

Tualatin Riverkeepers (TRK) is a community-based organization that protects and restores the Tualatin River watershed. We build watershed stewardship through engagement, advocacy, restoration, access, and education. We write today to amend our earlier letter dated Nov. 19, 2021. In that November letter we urged the Board of Commissioners to take steps to better protect wetlands and other sensitive areas by requiring fuel station setbacks from sensitive lands of at least 100 feet, ideally 500 feet. After further research by partners and community members, TRK would like to amend that ask and instead request a 1,500-foot setback for wetlands and other sensitive lands from fuel stations as this is the largest buffer used by other communities across the country. We feel like this larger buffer will better accomplish the goals outlined in our Nov. 19 letter.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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