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**MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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MEETING DATE: Sept. 10 09

SUBJECT: Mult. County Reserves

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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SPECIFIC ISSUE: _____

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: Attached

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Before the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners...September 10, 2009

. My name is Thomas VanderZanden and I reside at 15903 NW Logie Trail, Hillsboro, Oregon 97124.

. I have enjoyed a 30 year career in government working in the field of planning and development and I am a partner in the Ir-Van consulting group LLC. I am also the current president of Walter J. VanderZanden Farms, Inc. We own and operate a 510 acre farm in Washington County.

.Senate Bill 1011 is all about striking a **balance** between livable communities, viable agriculture, and protecting natural landscape features across this region.

.The Washington County Reserves Advisory Committee as of September 8th is recommending over 34,000 acres be considered for urban reserve designation. About 73% of these 34,000 acres are designated as "foundation" agricultural land by the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

.The Multnomah County Reserves process has recommended a parsimonious 80 acres be considered for urban reserve designation on its West edge.

.These two separate decisions represent no "balance" whatsoever!

.The Springville Road area was offered as a place to put urban reserves should it be determined that it is needed. This area offers much the same landscape as is present in North Bethany, can be easily provided with urban services, and offers Multnomah County a clear option for providing "balance" to a process that in the end must be regional.

.This area meets all of the urban reserve designation criteria and the City of Beaverton has agreed to accept governance responsibilities. We do need a place for one million more people as we strive to protect what we value in our unique landscapes and agricultural areas.

.I respectfully request that the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners offer this area to the Metro Regional Advisory Committee for urban reserve consideration in their ongoing study process. By doing so you will have given this novel process a better chance to achieve its region wide objectives and make this area a net tax contributor to the many civic interests that you all are responsible for.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

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