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Multnomah County Chair Ted Wheeler  
600 SE Grand Ave.  
Portland, OR 97232

RE: Urban Reserves

Dear Chair Wheeler and Commissioners:  
Deborah Kafoury  
Jeff Cogen  
Judy Shiprack  
Diane McKeel

We are writing to communicate our support for the inclusion of the 775 acres of land south and east of the City of Troutdale into the urban reserves for the metropolitan area. These lands are critical for the future availability of buildable residential land to support the development and growth of the Columbia Cascade River District and other critical developable areas located in East County.

The proximity of housing and residentially supported commerce is critical to the responsible development of industrially developable land currently available inside the urban growth boundary. To overlook the opportunity to make this land available for future residential development could be short-sighted.

East Metro Economic Alliance fully supports responsible development and the availability of residential land in close proximity to industrially developable lands encourages people to locate closer to their places of employment which decreases the need to commute.

We fully support the inclusion of these 775 acres into the Urban Reserves and would urge you to support this effort.

Respectfully submitted,

Travis Stovall  
Executive Director