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Millersburg City Council
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Re: Amendment to the June 18, 1980, Urban Growth Management Agreement (UGMA) with Linn County Pertaining to the City of Millersburg's Application for Goals Exception and Comprehensive Plan Text Amendments, PD024-0128

Dear Council Members:

The following comments are submitted on behalf of 1000 Friends of Oregon and Friends of Linn County (FOLC).

1000 Friends of Oregon is a nonprofit, membership organization that works with Oregonians to support livable urban and rural communities, protect family farms, forests, and natural areas, and provide transportation and housing choice. 1000 Friends has members in all parts of Oregon including Linn County. Friends of Linn County is an affiliate of 1000 Friends of Oregon that focuses on the protection of farmland and forestland in Linn County.

Both organizations support the proposed UGMA Amendment, which prevents the expansion of the City of Millersburg's urban growth boundary (UGB) into the Dever-Conner Agricultural District for a period of 50 years, and reflects the agreement that was reached among all parties—local farmers, 1000 Friends, FOLC, Timberlab Inc., the City, and Linn County—on July 12, 2024.

1000 Friends and FOLC appreciate the City Council's full support of the agreement and the good faith commitment it represents. Both organizations look forward to the completion of the County's pending next steps to memorialize the City and County's agreement to protect the Dever-Conner Agricultural District from UGB expansions for at least the next 50 years.

Respectfully,

s/ Alexandria E. Dolezal

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