



THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI  
Governor

July 29, 2005

The Honorable Karen Minnis  
Speaker of the House  
900 Court St. NE — Room 269  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Speaker Minnis:

I have signed Enrolled House Bill 2458. HB 2458 removes the sunset on 2003 legislation that authorized unlimited development of industrial uses on land zoned for such use outside urban growth boundaries outside of the Willamette Valley.

While I am not completely satisfied with the final bill and sincerely wish that its proponents had accepted our compromise language, I do not want to risk impeding rural economic development in Oregon. The challenge of building sustainable rural economies is much more complex than just relaxing one land use provision. Ironically, much of what this bill seeks to achieve will ultimately be accomplished by our Land Conservation and Development Commission through a goal amendment and rulemaking. To protect integrity of our land use system, I much prefer that the Commission undertake these changes than to have them made in a piecemeal fashion from legislative session to legislative session. So, I am asking the Commission to redouble its efforts in amending the goal and to proceed with rulemaking. In doing so, we can reaffirm our belief in our land use system and demonstrate that legislation of this type will not be needed in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Theodore R. Kulongoski".

THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI  
Governor

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