Dear Planning Department,

We received your letter on April 12, 2014 regarding Measure 56 informing us that you will be conducting a public hearing on May 1st to review legislative text changes with one additional date for specific topics scheduled for May 13th.

The notice states that if we cannot attend the hearings, we can send in a letter regarding our concerns by Monday April 21st. Although Lynn Jones said that the April 21st date was not a hard cut off, we are faxing this letter to you today, April 21st to give the decision makers ample time to understand and respond to our concerns and every effort will be made to attend the hearing.

Having spent considerable time trying to understand the changes, we are still not at all clear as to the repercussions these changes may have on our property. We attempted to hire a local attorney to read the letter and the related materials on the website to inform us of any items that may affect our property in any way. The timeline was simply too tight to get legal guidance on such an important matter. (Note: We contacted Coos Bay Attorney Larry Finneran and spoke with
Tracy in Attorney Andy Combs office as he was not available last week due to mediation.

After speaking with Lynn Jones, Debby Darling, and Chris Hood we have been assured that these changes are “merely housekeeping” to make the codes easier for home owners to find and understand while researching information regarding their own private party. However, the letter uses some fairly threatening language with regard to property lines, “eminent domain... without property owner signature” and “may affect the permissible uses of your property and other properties.”

Given that this property has been in our family since 1960 we are quite concerned about any intentional, or unintentional consequences these “mere housekeeping” updates may have on our property. We are specifically concerned about the loss of current permissible uses and preservation of our right to split our 160 acres into two 80 acre lots, both with adequate access. Additionally, we are concerned about intention for any entity to demand property for easements for any reason what so ever. We are raising these issues, and any other issue that may affect our property, prior to the close of the evidentiary record and are giving this notice in sufficient time to afford the decision makers an opportunity to respond to the issue therefore establishing a basis to appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals at some future date if necessary.

Regards,

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