

November 19, 2015

The Honorable David Madore, Chair
The Honorable Jeanne Stewart
The Honorable Tom Mielke
Board of Clark County Councilors
P.O. Box 5000
Vancouver, WA 98666-5000

Dear Clark County Councilors:

The Columbia River Economic Development Council (CREDC) supports policy recommendations that ensure Clark County has an adequate supply of employment-ready land consistent with the strategies outlined in the 2011 Clark County Economic Development Plan.

To that end, CREDC supports the preservation and development of office- and industrial-zoned land in the County. In particular, rail-served industrial employment lands remain in high demand and short supply in the Greater Portland Metropolitan Statistical Area, resulting in lost opportunities to attract and retain regionally significant employers.

The designation of a rural industrial land bank would help to support the development of industrial and rail-served land in the County and is consistent with CREDC's employment land policy.

We appreciate your attention to this important economic development matter and appreciated the opportunity to weigh in on this issue.

Sincerely,



Mike Bomar
President, CREDC