June 17, 2013

Chair John Ludlow
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Commissioner Paul Savas
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Clackamas County Business Alliance

RE: Industrial Code Rewrite

Greetings,

We are writing this letter on behalf of the Clackamas County Business Alliance (CCBA). The CCBA is an organization of Clackamas County businesses that works to promote healthy economic growth throughout the county by advocating for public and private policy decisions that promote job creation. Our membership spans over nine sectors and represents over 15,000 employees in Clackamas County.

At the last board meeting the members of the CCBA discussed the proposed changes to the industrial lands code. Our understanding is that a committee comprised of private sector representatives unanimously supported changes to the code proposed by staff. We are writing today to reinforce that support. Although the county's Planning Commission is not in agreement with the staff recommendation, the CCBA has discussed the need to limit constraints to growth and be business friendly. These proposed changes are a terrific step in that direction.

Please feel free to contact either one of us if you have any further questions.

Thank you for your consideration and allowing us to provide input.

Sincerely,

Peter Watts Board President Kim Parker Executive Director