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We live in the Willamette Valley, -a valley which is considered among the best farmland in the world with several feet of topsoil!

It is common knowledge that airports create significant environmental cost and hugely impact the locality where they are built. In addition to noise pollution, emissions from aircraft in the air and at ground level degrade air quality severely and thereby directly impact human health. Additionally ground support equipment increases the air pollution and pollutant runoff into our nearby waterways, the Willamette river.

Whether piston engine planes or jets which use AV fuel, the contaminants are harmful for the farmland of the Willamette valley, our rivers and our local food supply.

Why would we want an expanded airport with all its negative side effects of increased airport waste, on this valuable farm land ? What and whose interest is best served that it warrants increased airport waste in our local food supply?

The general public? The farmers nearby?

Or is it some select investors, airplane owners and executives who can fly to their offices instead of driving across our single freeway bridge?

Growth of an airport should not be at the cost of negative impacts on the environment and the people who live nearby! Much less on the best farmland in the world. There are several other airports in the area. Please do not condemn this best farmland in the world to airport pollution.

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