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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1522

Dear Chair Pham and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

I am a longtime resident of unincorporated Washington County and have been a strong advocate of land use planning for many years. I strongly opposed SB 1552-1

This bill clearly eliminates the longstanding deliberation and process that ensures a balance between allowing urban uses and protecting Oregon's amazingly productive forest and farming lands. Currently, a city must consider several factors that weigh urban development and economic needs against the economic and environmental benefits of our resource lands. By eliminating this requirement, this bill clearly favors urban uses - and sprawl - over the preservation of irreplaceable resource lands and our critical agricultural economy. This means that cities could easily expand onto the best farm and forest lands, instead of onto land ALREADY PLANNED AND ZONED FOR commercial or residential use.

SB 1522 also upends the recently completed by the Department of Land Conservation and Development and stakeholders to adopt rules for implementing the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis (December 2025). This makes no sense whatsoever.

Lastly, this bill has received little public attention or discourse, leaving you without valuable input from all affected stakeholders.

I strongly urge you to vote NO on SB 1522-1.

Sincerely,
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