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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:
I am writing to ask you to oppose SB 1522-1.

??SB 1522-1 is harmful because it removes one of the key pillars of Oregon's land use system: The "prioritization scheme" that ensures a balance between accommodating urban uses and protecting the state's amazingly productive farm and forest lands.

Today, if a city determines they want to designate urban reserves for possible future expansion of its urban growth boundary, the city must consider several factors and balance development and urbanization with preserving our farm and forest lands. This bill ends that balance in favor of sprawling urban areas.

Without the boundaries provided by this critical part of our land use system, we would see cities expand onto farm and forest lands, rather than onto lands already planned and zoned for residential or commercial uses.

SB 1522-1 upends many years of work recently completed by the Department of Land Conservation and Development and stakeholders resulting in the December 2025 Land Conservation and Development Commission adoption of rules implementing the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis.

Oregon's protection of farm and forest lands is special and rare. If we stop protecting these lands and start allowing cities to overtake them, we will never be able to get them back. Keep Oregon green, wild, and special. Please do not let SB 1522-1 forever change the lands most precious to our state.

Thank you for considering my comments; I hope you will say "no" to SB 1522-1.

Sincerely,

Cadie Cagle