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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing

Measure: HB4118

House Bill 4118 is RECYCLED from last session of the Legislative Assembly. Although Oregon likes to recycle, not so much when the legislators try to cram an Act in the short session hoping that no one will object, and what I have read from the testimony this theory bombed. I did not support House Bill 4118 last session and I find that lawmakers are not listening to constituents or the testimony from the 2021 session.

Once again, I will repeat, Oregonians do not want to have forest/farm acreage converted to housing for any purpose, period.

In fact, alternatively, the Legislators should write a Bill that disallows counties/cities from converting farm/forest land from development without Oregon Land Conservation & Development approving the conversion of forest/farm to increase urban growth boundaries.

The Legislators need to take a hard look and perform an analysis of how many acres of farm/forest zoned land has been converted to urban growth in the last twenty-thirty years.

Then do a deep dive to why the agrarian population came to the farm and forest rich land of the Oregon Territory from every corner of our country to settle here.

Then even a harder look historically what prior Governors and Legislators have done to preserve Oregon livability. Citizens care about urban sprawl and congestion that comes with expanding urban boundaries further and further away from workplace centers.

Please stand against House Bill 4118 and vote no.