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From: Marilyn Koenitzer; 20856 Bobwhite Ct, Bend OR 97701
To: House Committee on Homelessness, Chair Marsh,
Vice-chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and Committee Members
Re: HB 2422

I am writing today to ask you to oppose HB 2422. As a long-time advocate of good land use planning (since 1974) and a former owner of a forestry mapping business, here is why this is a bad bill:

As I said in my testimony for HB 2400, we must not add to rural residential. This bill not only does that but also allows counties to bypass existing land use laws to upzone. That lessening of land use protections is not acceptable.

If this bill makes it easier for wealthy landowners to get property rezoned without community input, then it limits public involvement, afforded to us through our State Land Use Goal 1, Citizen Involvement. From a public citizen's standpoint, this is not acceptable.

HB 2422 disregards infrastructure, transportation and service needs of the rural residential areas. Oregon land use laws are meant to ensure infrastructure is in place before or concurrent with development. Without these safeguards, and because of the ability to upzone rural lands without regard to the consequences to our farms, forests and water supplies, this bill is not acceptable.

Please REJECT HB 2422.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.