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On Behalf Of:
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Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on this bill. I am strongly opposed to SB 1522. There is no reason for this bill. Housing needs are required to be met under the law as it stands. The legislature is urged to turn its attention to enforcing the requirements for provision of adequate housing that already exist, rather than destroy the working farm and forest lands that are the industrial land bases for our billion-dollar agricultural and timber industries.

This bill is a terrible idea and should be quickly discarded. Decades of negotiations in the legislature and at DLCD are at stake. The current laws represent the collective wisdom of stakeholders from all over Oregon.

Please take action to address the real problem- the market does not account for the needs for affordable housing.

The idea that destroying farm and forest lands and allowing sprawl will help with affordable housing is ridiculous. The Committee can see that other states have no such UGB limitations, yet have the same or worse affordability crisis that Oregon has. Therefore the UGB expansion priorities cannot possibly be the cause of the lack of affordability.

Thank you for rejecting SB-1522-1. This is a thoughtless, baseless, dumb idea that will cause great harm and will leave the problem of affordable housing unsolved.