



**Statement of Oregon Land and Water Alliance  
In Opposition to SB 438 and SB 848**

My name is Paul Lipscomb, and I live in the Cloverdale area outside of Sisters, Oregon. I am the Vice President of OLAWA, the Oregon Land And Water Alliance. The Oregon Land And Water Alliance is a 501c3 organization, and its purpose is to educate the public to promote and protect the Rule of Law on all local issues relating to land and water use as well as fish and wildlife. I have been authorized to present this testimony in opposition to these bills on behalf of OLAWA and its Board of Directors.

Senate Bills 438 and 878 are legislative wolves in sheep's clothing.

Purportedly in the interest of adding additional housing for family members of rural property owners outside of an urban growth boundary, provisions in both of these bills specifically exempt any future purchaser of any rural lot or parcel with a newly constructed second dwelling established under this bill from having to comply with the "family member" occupancy requirements otherwise established by this bill. (See Senate Bill 438, section (4), and Senate Bill 878, section (6).)

Accordingly, an additional dwelling established under this bill no longer would need to be occupied by a family member. Instead, the future occupancy of the property, including the second dwelling, could be occupied by anyone, and its footprint could then be expanded to satisfy even the most elaborate McMansion desires of the new owners.

These are both bad bills and they deserve to die in committee. Thank you for your consideration of our views on this issue.

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