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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1522

I am writing to oppose. This bill would not just disturb, but END the critical balance of our current land use system—which carefully balances preserving land for agriculture, protecting natural resources, and managing expanding urban areas. I've lived all over the US (MA, NY, CA, ME). What makes Oregon unique and desirable is its land use system—the lack of sprawl is what makes traveling in the state jaw dropping, calming, and special. It's part of the whole reason why I moved here, it's what makes the vacations here so compelling. We need the prioritization scheme otherwise cities would endlessly expand into farm and forest lands, harming the systems, our economy, and disturbing the charm of the state. This bill would also upend years and years of work just recently completed by DLCD. Not to mention the threats it would certainly bring to our natural ecosystems—resources which are already facing enough challenge with climate change and human development.

Please say NO to this bill. I strongly oppose.