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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure: HB2192

RE: HB 2192

I am a family forestland/owner manager in Polk County and a believer in the fact that our land use laws to protect farm and forestland have contributed significantly to keeping Oregon as beautiful and productive as it is. In recent years the legislature has seen fit to pass two laws, one temporary to replace former forest dwellings, one permanent to allow second dwellings on forestland. To my way of thinking these are both continuations of the "land use creep" which eats away at the original intention to protect our resource lands. One dwelling never makes much of a difference but it is impossible to overstate the cumulative impact of such new laws which cannot ever , in my observation, be addressed after-the-fact. Having grown up on a farm in the Willamette Valley in the 1950s I can say that the "death by 1000 cuts" sometimes brings me to tears. It is not necessary and more houses in the countryside only benefit those who already "have" plenty. That precious land will mean more to future generations of Oregonians than more ways to put non farm and forest houses in rural Oregon.

HB 2192 is completely unnecessary. I urge you respectfully to oppose it.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Deumling