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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB438

Dear Chair Pham, Vice Chair Anderson and Committee Members,

Please oppose SB 438 and SB 878. These bills are bad policy and duplicate HB 2400.

We do not need extra houses for resale on farmland. These bills are unnecessary and allow for a bait-and-switch process, stating that the additional house must be for a family member. However this is only for the initial application. The house can later be sold to anyone.

Oregon already has provisions for housing for relatives. We don't need additional dwellings that would fragment Oregon's resource lands.

Additional dwellings make farming more difficult as farmers need large tracts of undeveloped land to operate. More dwellings drive up the cost of farmland, making it unaffordable for new farmers.

This is just another attempt to undermine Oregon's land use laws

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sheila Dooley