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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1522

Dear Chairman Pham and honored Committee Members,

My name is Denise Caire and I've lived in Hillsboro for 39 years. My ancestors arrived here from Canada in 1841 to establish a settlement and founded Glencoe (which is now North Plains). They farmed the land north of Hillsboro and over the hills for nearly 200 years. That's how fertile the soil was and continues to be.

Thank you for considering my comments. I ask you to vote "No" on amendment 1 of SB 1522.

If you want to eliminate the need to test soil as stated in amendment 1, perhaps you need to put it on an Initiative and let the People of Oregon vote. Slipping in the "no soil analysis needed" at the last minute on any senate or house bill makes constituents angry. That's not to mention leaving little time to think and respond with testimony.

This amendment significantly opens the floodgates to big developments, residential and commercial. As Tom McCall once said, "Oregon is not a hussy that goes to the highest bidder."

More than that, what really makes me scratch my head is the "Best Practices for Land Planning." The first and most important step is to evaluate the lay and location of the land, and to analyze the composition of the soil to determine its best use. It is not to sacrifice the best farm land for the greatest tax revenues.

In addition, I hope you consider the impact on many future generations, over the next 100 years. Oregonians need to honor and leave this environment and habitat as clean and beautiful as it was when each of us arrived.

Let the developers, investors, builders, realtors, out-of-state large corporations, lobbyists, city planners, prospectors, etc. play by the current land use goals. These goals have kept Oregon beautiful, productive, and livable for over 50 years. Do you want to mess it up now? I don't.

I ask you to please vote "No" on amendment 1 of SB 1522.

Respectfully,

Denise Caire