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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1522

Thank you for this hearing and an opportunity to state my opposition to SB 1522, and especially to the amendment designated as SB 1522-1. I grew up on Oregon farmland and was very active in the passage SB 100, which established orderly expansion of urban areas while preserving agriculture and forest lands and our state's abundant natural resources. When I say "orderly," it means that urban reserves are the last pieces of land to be urbanized! Leapfrogging urban development to urban reserves destroys the basic premise of our state's land use system. It proposes what could be drastic changes to how property owners outside our current Urban Growth Boundaries conduct their resource activities. Furthermore, no local entity can possibly afford urban infrastructure extension to piecemeal development in an urban reserve. Cities currently have enough difficulty serving the pressing needs for housing and other urban services of its current citizenry inside city limits or their own UGBs without unchecked development outside UGBs. This proposal is a bad idea, and does not enhance the public health, safety and welfare of Oregonians!

Thank you for considering my remarks.

And speaking of current needs,