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On Behalf Of: Newberg  
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4035

My name is Brian Bellairs. My wife and I are in favor of House Bill 4035 as it was approved by the House. We have an emergency need of land for affordable housing. We are building approximately 80% fewer homes each year than is needed. As such, bold action needs to be taken. It can't be business as usual in which we allow 1,000 Friends to restrict the supply of land. That may have made sense years ago, but right now available land for housing is the much bigger need. We urge you not to modify HB 4035. Most people are not aware that Oregon is one of the very few States that regards poor Type 4 soil as high value farmland. Utilizing land with this poor soil for housing (especially when it has not or will not be used for farming) is necessary to address the housing and affordability crisis.

Oregon's small cities need a simplified method of expanding land for housing without the constant legal challenges. HB 4035 provides that.

We urge you to vote for HB 4035 without modification.

Sincerely,

Brian and Kathy Bellairs