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On Behalf Of: Jefferson County Farm Bureau HB 2422 Oppose  
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB438

February 27, 2025

Chair Pham  
Senate Committee on Housing and Development  
900 Court St. NE Salem, Oregon 97301

Oppose SB 438 and SB 878  
Dear Chair Pham,

Jefferson County Farm Bureau is a member of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF). We are located in Central Oregon, east of the Cascades. We have been established since 1947.

As a county farm bureau, we oppose both SB 438 and SB 878. We understand from oral testimony from the sponsors of the bill that testified that an amendment is to be coming.

You heard a lot of one-off emotional testimony on how hard it is to comply with the county's rules for siting a hardship dwelling or accessory dwelling in their county. Yet we hear all of the time from the Association of Oregon Counties on how each county needs to be able to interrupt and apply the land use laws to their county's needs. They submitted written testimony opposing the bill SB 878.

The emotional testimony presented before you shouldn't be anymore compelling than when a young farmer says hard it is to get into farming or/and expand their operation because of the barriers when an additional home is sited. It is the total impact and slowly destroying what Goal 3 was implemented to do for longevity of agriculture for future generations.

When we see the amendment that was spoken about by the bill sponsors, we will submit additional testimony.

Sincerely,

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