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House Committee on Housing
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Opposition to HB 3072 - Requires local government to expand its urban growth boundary to include land designated as urban reserve that supports workforce housing and commercial development supportive of workforce housing if urban services are or can be made available.

Dear Chair Fahey and Members of the House Committee on Housing

Friends of Marion County is an independent 501(c)(3) farmland protection organization founded in 1998. Our mission is to protect farm and forestland, parks, and open space.

Friends of Marion County is opposed to HB 3072. There are many reasons to oppose HB 3072. We will list a few.

1. HB 3072 throws Goal 1 to the wayside.

- HB 3072 leaves the public out of the important process of deciding how and where to grow their city's boundaries.
- HB 3072 leaves citizens out of the important process of deciding when and where housing should be located.

2. HB 3072 ignores the protection of valuable farmland.

- HB 3072 ignores the pilot project of two 50 acre UGB expansions, which should be allowed to play out.
- HB 3072 ignores the hard-fought legislative work to both protect farmland and sensibly plan for future urban development, by adopting urban reserve planning.
- HB 3072 lacks a definition of "commercial development supportive of workforce housing."

We hope you will make the wise decision to reject HB 3072.

Thank you for listening.
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