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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4113
Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Breese Iverson and Andersen, and Committee members:

I am writing today to ask you to oppose HB 4113.

As an Oregonian, I value the land use principles that help keep our state healthy environmentally and economically. Upholding our land use system is key to both.

This bill would benefit just one private stakeholder at the expense of our land use system. This developer had originally planned to develop golf courses and hundreds of second homes in the Metolius River basin. The Metolius River is an absolute gem and one of my husband and my favorite areas in Central Oregon. You are all aware of how this developer had subsequently used the system in their favor to postpone the development opportunity that they were given in exchange for not building there.

Now, the developer is back again, 17 years later, with HB 4113. They are trying to use their expired development opportunity to justify building on 250 acres of rural lands elsewhere in the state and exempt themselves from the Oregon land use system.

With so many other important priorities in front of you, I hope you will quickly reject HB 4113.

Sincerely,

Liz Delfert