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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources
Measure: SB70

Dear Committee members:

High value crops contribute greatly to the agricultural economy of Oregon. Goal 3 of Oregon's Statewide Planning goals made that clear, and while there have been some changes to that directive, it is important to note that EFU land in Oregon is that of high value, or that which produces high value crops--and sometimes both. Opening up more land for "SB 16 houses" could directly conflict with production on EFU activities and management, particularly if this action begins to scatter rural residential dwellings in an EFU area.

The prudent course is to not expand SB16 by adding SB70 provisions.

Thank you for your attention to my comments.

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