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On Behalf Of:

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Chair Pham, Vice Chair Anderson and Committee Members - thank you for allowing me to comment on SB1522.

My name is Richard Miller. My wife and I are professional foresters and live in Sisters, Oregon.

I'm a lifelong Oregonian who opposes SN1522 with the -1 amendment. This bill undermines the current process that works to prioritize development nearest to cities and towns rather than sprawling development into lands prioritized for farm use and forest management.

The City of Sisters is currently going through an urban growth boundary analysis and several of their alternatives included by-passing many acres near the city boundary to do exactly what this bill proposes - jumping into privately owned forest land for development. The city heard loud and clear that as landowners we are not interested. Please don't allow developers to push local landowners into having to impact their lands with this proposal when the current process works.

Sprawl is not what Oregon needs for a land use process.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on SB1522-1.

Richard Miller