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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1522

Hello, Chair Pham and Committee Members:

I am writing to ask you to oppose SB 1522-1.

Here's why I urge you to...

> SB 1522-1 removes one of the key pillars of Oregon's land use system: The "prioritization scheme" that ensures a balance between accommodating urban uses and protecting the state's amazingly productive farm and forest lands. Today, if a city determines they want to designate urban reserves for possible future expansion of its urban growth boundary, the city must consider several factors and balance development and urbanization with preserving our farm and forest lands. This bill ends that balance in favor of sprawling urban areas and threats to our farming and forestry businesses.

> Without the sideboards provided by this critical part of our land use system, we would mostly likely see cities primarily expand onto farm and forest lands, rather than onto lands already planned and zoned for residential or commercial uses.

> SB 1522, -1 upends many years of work recently completed by the Department of Land Conservation and Development and many others that resulted in the December 2025 Land Conservation and Development Commission adoption of rules implementing the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments.

Please say "NO" to SB 1522-1.

Sincerely,
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