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Senate Natural Resource Committee
Chair Golden, Vice Chair Girod, Committee Members,

RE SB 82

I strongly support your approval of this Senate Bill. As you may be aware, the Wildfire Risk Map was withdrawn by the Oregon Department of Forestry less than two months after it was published. The withdrawal is a result of the overwhelming opposition to the map because of mistaken designations, lack of ground verification of map data, and concerns that the insurance industry was using the map to establish rates or cancel policies. Subsequently the insurance companies, doing business in Oregon, assured the State that the map was not being used. We have now been advised that the Wildfire Risk Map is to be delayed again to a later date. I ask you to pass this bill to protect land owners by prohibited use of the flawed map by the insurance companies.

Respectfully,
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