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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1522

Dear Chair Pham and Committee Members:

I am writing today to ask you to oppose SB 1522-1. Oregon's farm lands and forest lands are precious and are quickly being gobbled up by urban growth and reserves expansion. We need to balance these needs and preserve long-standing measures that continue to "tighten the belt" to assure urban lands are efficiently served by infrastructure and services. Oregon is a special place. We have successfully constrained urban sprawl, the cost of which we all bear with inefficient extension of services and erosion of productive farm and forest lands. We have and must continue to identify lands within growth boundaries and existing reserves to meet the needs of growth - lands already planned and zoned for residential or commercial uses. Don't let the genie out of the bottle!

SB 1522, -1 compromises the recent work of the Department of Land Conservation and Development and its stakeholder committees resulting in the December 2025 Land Conservation and Development Commission adoption of rules implementing the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis. Thank you for considering my comments; I hope you will say "no" to SB 1522-1.

Sincerely,
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