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Chair Marsh and Committee Members
Housing and Homelessness Committee
900 Court St. NE Salem, Oregon 97301

Oppose HB 2400

Dear Chair Marsh and Committee Members,

Jefferson County Farm Bureau is a member of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF) and there is clear OFBF policy Non Farm Dwellings 3.550*2024 policy book (*We oppose the establishment of more non farm dwellings in EFU zones on agricultural land as defined by OFBF policy. It is our position that because land has been zoned as EFU for the exclusive purpose of agricultural production, all dwellings established in that zone should be farm dwellings.*) .

As a county farm bureau, we oppose the dash one amendment to HB 2400. The amendment makes this a more palatable bill. We feel that the bill is not needed and adds additional conflicts with the surrounding agricultural areas and won't benefit those in need. We are a true "NIMBY". We understand the unintended consequences that happen when more non-farm housing is allowed in the EFU zone.

The original intent of HB 2400 without the amendment was to look at increasing the development density but the amendment made the bill about the rural residential areas in each county. To help with the housing and homelessness challenges this committee must look at a holistic solution where infrastructure and services for those recipients is also addressed.

Please, do not adopt HB 2400.

Sincerely,

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