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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure: HB2192

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Dear House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

I am opposed to HB 2192.

I am the co-owner of a 475 acres farm in the Willamette Valley.

My grandparents cut down most of the trees in the early 1900's. My mother replanted 12,000 trees starting in the 1950's.

Today there are about 120 acres of trees on the 475 acre. Except for damage from the ice freeze two years ago this month, we have watched the trees grow for 50 - 70 years.

On the rest of the acreage our family has continuously worked farming. Farming and forestry are not the same and do not need the same dwellings.

Moreover, with climate change and fire dangers, allowing more dwellings in forest lands is not a good idea. State Goal 4 prioritizes the protections of Oregon's forests. They are valuable as habitat for fish and wildlife and should be even more protected for the future.

Finally, new owners already have the right to replace a dwelling.

This bill does not fix anything, It is just an attempt to derail our land use system, equate zones which are not the same, and create more housing in our valuable and protected forests.

Thank you