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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.

Here's why I hope you will:

- SB 1522-1 throws out years of work protecting Oregon's world-class farmland and forestland. Directing urbanization to flat, well-drained land, regardless of whether it's being used for farming and forestry, ignores the fact that there's already plenty of land planned and zoned for residential or commercial use.
- SB 1522-1 would encourage urban sprawl onto land that is better used for farm and forest. Agriculture is Oregon's #2 industry; we shouldn't kneecap it by turning the land easiest to farm into subdivisions, destroying forever some of the best farmland in the world.
- Our unique land use planning program makes Oregon Oregon. While other Western states have been marred by unchecked development, Oregon's program provides a balance that has led to livable cities and towns, constrained rural sprawl, and limited climate pollution—all while preserving the farms, forests, and open spaces that sustain our economies, ecosystems, and communities.

Thank you for considering my comments. I urge you to say "no" to SB 1522-1.

Sincerely,
Amy Houchen