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On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: HB2192

I am writing to urge you to deny HB 2192. State Goal 4 prioritizes the protection of Oregon's forests and recognizes their value as fish and wildlife habitat, places for recreation, and important roles in the protection of air and water quality.

Current criteria allow for replacement dwellings on lands zoned F-2, impacted forest. These criteria don't need to be changed. New owners of F-2 forest lands already have the right to replace a dwelling that was on a property when they bought it, and buyers can easily inform themselves of any restrictions on the property when it is purchased.

In order to help rectify the negative aspects of climate change, we need to prioritize the protection our forest lands as places of carbon sequestration. Life on the planet will further be imperiled if F-2 zoned forest lands endure a relaxation of development guidelines to accommodate low density sprawl. HB 2192 would facilitate an unobstructed path to development on forest lands with deleterious consequences, including more frequent wildfires.

Please deny HB 2192.

Thank you,

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