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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1522

Please oppose the amendment to SB 1522 that removes protection for Oregon's farm and forest lands. I have been an Oregonian for my entire life. I love this state because of its wild beauty especially the forests through which I love to hike and admire the wildflowers and amazing mushrooms. Even the farmlands of the Willamette Valley are beautiful, although I wish we could restore some of the original oak savanah and native grassland and camas vegetation. During my lifetime I have seen the forests disappear with clearcuts throughout the Coast Range almost completely in some countries such as Clatsop County as well as the Cascades. Flying over Oregon can be painful because of the many clearcut scars in the forested landscape. We must save these forests for our children and grandchildren to enjoy!