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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1522

Hello Chair Pham and Committee Members:

I am writing today to ask you to oppose SB 1522-1.

Here's what's problematic about this bill:

1.) It removes one of the key pillars for Oregon's land use system - the prioritization scheme. This approach ensures that when communities figure out where and how to grow with their Urban Growth Boundaries and Urban Reserves, they must consider a number of factors and balance development and urbanization with preserving our farm and forest lands. We need to keep this in place.

2.) Without the sideboards provided by this critical part of our land use system, we would see cities expand onto farm and forest lands rather than onto lands already planned and zoned for residential or commercial uses. This doesn't make any sense.

3.) It upends many years of work recently completed by DLCD and stakeholders resulting in the December 2025 LCDC adoption of rules implementing the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis. That would be such a wasted effort time and resources.

I've appreciated this opportunity to weigh in and I thank you for your consideration! With so many priorities in front of us, I hope you will reject SB 1522-1.

Sincerely,  
Denise Rowcroft