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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 join many fellow Oregonians in urging you to oppose SB 1522-1. This unfortunate bill removes a key pillar of Oregon's land use system. Today, as you are surely aware, if a city is to designate urban reserves for possible future expansion of its urban growth boundary, it must balance development and urbanization with preserving farm and forest land. This bill ends that balance in favor of sprawl. Without the sideboards provided by this critical part of our land use system, we would see cities always expand onto farm and forest lands, rather than onto lands already planned and zoned for residential or commercial uses. Thank you for the chance to comment. I hope you will say "no" to SB 1522-1.

Sincerely, Sam Lowry, Redmond