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Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources,

My name is Jacqueline Duyck Jones. I am a 4th generation farmer and co-owner of Duyck Family Farm LLC with my Dad in Banks, Washington County.

Our core mission is to continue to be a sustainable family farm and agribusiness for another hundred years, providing high quality commodities for consumers across the nation and world to enjoy.

We primarily raise Kotata blackberries, blueberries and grass seed on our farm.

Malheur County isn't where I live or a neighboring county but it is Oregon and Oregon should and could be doing better to protect our finite natural resources. My fear of SB16 passing came true – this is another short-sighted one-off piercing to the land use system.

It is obvious but somehow overlooked that without the land base of high-value farmland soils, there WILL be intended consequences for any decisions from this committee on agriculture as an economic driver in Oregon. PLEASE do not make decisions for Oregon that will thieve farm or ranch land until ALL that is currently available is "used up" by our elected officials.

If what is left is not "ideal", it is NOT a responsible reason to literally bulldoze through the land use protections and sneakily acquire land for housing (or semiconductors). Do not open up more EFU land that is high value.

I am not opposed to housing (or semiconductors) but absolutely opposed to legislation abusing the power to push development onto land that in effect weakens the agriculture economy and what Oregonians love and desire.

Malheur County ranks #5 among Oregon's counties in agricultural production. Three of Malheur County's top farm crops are on Oregon's top 10 list of agriculture commodities. Malheur County products include cattle, onions, hay, dry bean, mint, potatoes, and sugar beets. **I love all of these commodities, don't you?!**

Oregonians have repeatedly reported the desire to remain a "green state" of local commodities, thriving agribusinesses, environmental sustainability and conservation all of which is the opposite of ill planned development.

Protect Oregon's greatest asset, land that will provide food, fiber and capture carbon.

Please oppose SB70.
Jacqueline Duyck Jones