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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2422
Greetings Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and Committee Members,

I am writing in today to ask you to oppose HB 2422.

The bill promotes sprawl & weakens land use protections, and would allow counties to bypass existing land use laws and enable case-by-case upzoning of rural lands, with the potential to double rural land density. This would be detrimental particularly to wildlife like mule deer, which rely on many of these rural lands as winter range habitat.

The bill would also limit public involvement – Oregon’s land use planning process is intentionally inclusive, and this bill undermines that. The result is that it would make it easier for well-financed landowners to push through zoning changes without broader community input.

Finally, HB 2422 threatens resources and Infrastructure – Oregon’s land use system ensures development happens where infrastructure, transportation, and services already exist. HB 2422 disregards these safeguards, risking strain on resources and causing harm to farms, forests, and water supplies.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Randy Davis