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TO: Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee

RE: HB2225A

Dear Committee Members,

Please support the this bill to amend ORS 215.750. This bill has much needed changes to template dwellings permitted in our forest lands.

We are rural property owners and are concerned about the increase of homes in our heavily wooded areas.

The fire issue is of great concern to us! We rely on our small town fire departments that consist primarily of volunteers. It seems they are becoming over taxed.

More homes in these areas mean more stress on our public services.

On May 1 a slash pile burn got out of control High Heaven Road near McMinnville. Ultimately 25 acres was burned after what has been a cool, wet spring. Fortunately, non of the homes existing on this very rural, heavily wooded areas were lost.

To preserve the residences and control the fire, 5 of our local fire departments plus ODF responded. Four of those fire departments are volunteer supported. The road is also a narrow passage.

These changes are reasonable and important.

Support HB 2225A please.

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