

Dear Senate Rules Committee:

Preserving Farm Land is critical to the success of Oregon's nearly 120 farmers markets.

Please **stop SB 1050** for these reasons:

- Thus far the legislature has been consistent about not changing the terms of the voter approved Measure 47. This bill would be counter to the past resolve of the legislature to not make such changes.
- This bill would violate the trust of the voters, who passed Measure 47--including this provision--by large margins across the state.
- Making a major change such as this with little notice and next to no opportunity for public input is inappropriate.
- This bill is bad for Oregon's farmers and foresters, because it opens up the possibility of more non-farm and non-forest related dwellings being developed next to them and adds uncertainty about the conflicts that those uses will bring.

I thank you and hundreds of small family farms thank you too,
Trudy

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