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Sen. Beyer, Chair
Committee Members
Senate Committee on Energy & Environment
State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Re: SB 375

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 375. 1000 Friends of Oregon is a nonprofit, membership organization that works with Oregonians to support livable urban and rural communities; protect family farms, forests and natural areas; and provide transportation and housing choice.

1000 Friends does not see a need for this bill. SB 375 appears to relate to a single property owner in Yamhill County. The bill states that a "county shall permit ... a ... replacement dwelling ... in any area zoned for exclusive farm use ... Notwithstanding any actual use, removal, demolition or nonexistence of the structure before, on or after the effective date of this 2021 Act, the structure was recognized as an existing dwelling in a final order issued under" Measure 49.

After looking into this at the county and the state agency, we understand the property owner wishes to replace a dwelling that was in a Measure 49 claim. According to the owner's Measure 49 order, they own 2 contiguous parcels with a total of 3 dwellings. We understand they have already partitioned off a third parcel with 1 of the 3 dwellings, as allowed by the M49 order. We assume it is one of these dwellings that they wish to replace. There is an existing state statute that allows for replacement dwellings, so, based on our understanding of the circumstances, we do not see a need for a special purpose bill.

Thank you for consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Kyle McCurdy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Kyle McCurdy
Deputy Director