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RE: SB 391

Dear Senators,

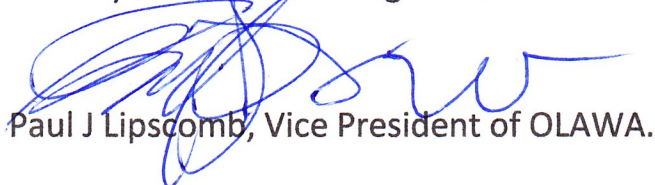
The Oregon Land and Water Alliance (OLAWA) is a 501c3 organization in the greater Sisters area and throughout Deschutes County. In brief, OLAWA, works in the public interest to support the rule of law with an emphasis on public natural resource management and the conservation of our public water and scenic beauty. I am Vice President of OLAWA, and I am authorized by our Board of Directors to make this public testimony on behalf of our organization members.

We strongly urge you to support all three pending amendments to SB 391. And if all three of the pending amendments were adopted, OLAWA would then not oppose the resulting bill.

We believe that additional non-farm dwellings, including ADUs, should take place only within UGBs under almost all circumstances. However, we recognize that currently in Central Oregon there is a critical shortage of housing for both farm employees and others. We also recognize that a sizable amount of land that has historically been zoned rural residential, and has been developed as rural residential, is already scattered throughout our exclusive farm and forest land areas.

The adoption of the three pending amendments would allow individual counties to permit ADUs on lands already zoned and developed as rural residential. But these ADUs would still need to be justified on a case-by-case basis at the county level. And such ADUs could still be subject to additional safeguards in particular cases as a condition of county approval.

Thank you for considering our views.



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