

To: House Committee on Housing

From: Aileen Kaye

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Re: "No" on HB 4118 and the -1 Amendment

Dear Chair Fahey and Members of the Committee:

I urge you to vote "No" on both HB 4118 and HB 4118-1.

These proposals are an attempt to circumvent Oregon's land use laws. Every legislative session, home builders and real estate salespeople try to weaken the very land use system that maintains our quality of life here. Please read the report done on this problem: "Death by 1000 Cuts".

<https://friends.org/news/2020/6/death-1000-cuts-10-point-plan-protect-oregons-farmland>

I am a life-long horse owner. I greatly value farmland not only for food, but also for giving our horses pasture, hay, and places to ride. I participate in the Goal 1 program of Area Advisory Committee in my county of residence. I review all conditional use applications and notify people in the affected areas. I am a member of the Marion County Farm Bureau, 1000 Friends of Oregon, and OLCV. I have a radio show, "Keeping Oregon Oregon" on a local community radio station. Every time someone exclaims how beautiful Oregon is, I tell them it is because of our protective land use laws.

So, as you can see, I have been around the block. I see homebuilders continue to want farmland for large homes. We cannot let this happen. Please vote "no" to nip HB 4118 and 4118-1 in the bud.

Thank you for your consideration.

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