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House Committee on Housing:
State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Or 97301

Dear Chair Fahey and Committee Members,

Oppose HB 4118 and -1 Amendment.

My name is Larry Duyck and I live and farm in Washington Co., Oregon and I oppose HB 4118 and the dash one amendments. I was involved in the rural urban reserve process for the Portland Metro area. This bill is a slap in the face to the farmers and all of the people who love the land and want to preserve it for future generations for 40-50 years.

I personally spent four years going to Washington County coordination meetings for the reserve process. The Homebuilders were also a part of this process. Rep. Clem and Rep. Unger spent a lot of time on the “grand bargain” as it was called when it passed the legislature in 2014. This bargain came about because Washington County had not followed the legal process like the other counties had, and they lost in the courts and this would mean starting all over again.

It wasn't ever a bargain, but a deal agreed upon by all parties (farmers, developers, cities, the counties and those involved). Every year there is a legislative attack with some bill on the ‘grand bargain’.

I ask for this Committee to vote **“NO” on HB 4118 and the -1 amendments** and honor the “grand bargain”.

Sincerely,

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