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If the state of Oregon truly aspires towards progression, then it would not place the value of commercialization/industrialization over sustainability. Farming is dying across the country, directing consumers to GMO/Monstanto food production or mass organic farms, which drown out not only small business owners but diversity and sustainability in food production. Growing the same crop in the same place every year because that is the crop the mass market “demands” is not sustainable for long-term soil health. The nutrient quality and quantity in our food now is so much lower than it used to be, because of soil health.

Taking away additional farm and agricultural land to build more structures of concrete-humanity-disconnection will harm the sustainability of choice in the market, the sustainability of the soil, and the sustainability of the community. Destroying natural and fertile land will never be in a community’s best interest, especially in the current state of food shortages. If Oregon’s goal is to place more value in financial profits over a sustainable and beautiful community, then this bill should pass. But if Oregon wants to move forward towards a future for the community that is in-touch with the natural gifts Oregon land offers, then it should not pass.