

**Four Creeks Farm
Cornelius OR**

March 19, 2023

Senate Committee on Housing and Development
Re: SB1051

Senators:

My name is Lans Stout. I am a retired Planning Consultant with many years of experience in the public and private sector, and I currently operate our small farm south of Hillsboro.

As a fifty year resident of Washington County, I have seen the evolution of our land use system and how it has accomplished many successes in limiting urban sprawl while also meeting the needs of balanced growth in our community. SB 1051 would circumvent this system and endanger both the efforts to contain sprawl as well as the good work done by local jurisdictions over the last fifty years. We have the tools to meet our housing needs within our Urban Growth Areas. This bill is simply another effort to weaken our system and reward special interests.

Please reject this bill, and focus on achieving our housing needs with the tools we already have available.

Thank you.

Lans Stout