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On Behalf Of: LandWatch Lane County  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure: SB1087

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Re: SB 1087

Committee Members:

SB1087 is a bad idea and would be a worse reality on the ground. Farms are for growing crops not cafes, and Oregon has some of the richest agricultural soils in the world. They shouldn't be buried under non-conforming restaurants, parking lots and other infrastructure.

Farm stands are a common, pleasing and permitted seasonal attraction for produce grown on site and restricted to ensure that sales from them do not exceed the overall sales from farm crops. This bill would allow a year round restaurant-- larger than the typical small town cafe-- that could readily become independent of the produce and sale of crops onsite.

What the restaurant would produce is all year traffic and pollution, lighting and noise that could disturb wildlife and neighboring property owners and more global warming.

SB 1087 further urbanizes our rural lands and should be uprooted before it spreads.

Thank you.

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