

To: Senate Committee on Rules

From: Aileen Kaye

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Re: "No" on SB 1087 Restaurants on Farmland

Dear Chair Lieber, Vice-Chair Knopp and Members of the Committee,

I ask you to please not move SB 1087 out of committee. It would allow restaurants on farmland. It makes no sense and would start a domino effect. The bill mentions only Lane County, but the legislature would be hard pressed to deny any other county this method of bypassing Oregon's protective land use laws.

As a horse owner, I want farm land preserved for activities not allowed inside cities. We horse owners need farmland on which to keep the horses, to grow hay, for pasture, and for riding. If Oregon continues to allow more and more non-farm uses on farm land, we are going to end up like California.

I have found no one who thinks this bill should be passed. The Oregon Farm Bureau, 1000 Friends of Oregon and numerous local individuals and groups are against this idea.

Please vote "No" on SB 1087.

Thank you.