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My husband and I have submitted testimony previously opposing this egregious bill. That it's even being considered is shocking. "One step forward two steps back" doesn't even begin to describe the backward-thinking caving to developers evidenced by this bill. Yes, our housing crisis is real. But let's not forget that the environmental crisis is real, too, and arguably far more critical not just for us but for the planet. Our current lack of affordable housing and the resultant panicked political fallout shouldn't be used as an excuse for ditching regulations that were bitterly fought for. ALL housing and commercial development should follow strict environmental regulations at all times. No exceptions. We don't believe that Oregonians lack the smarts and dedication to manage to construct housing that is GREEN all the way. Let's step up and do it right. Vote NO on this bill.

With all sincerity,
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