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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB1537

I am submitting this testimony in support of amending SB 1537 to remove the large UGB expansion provision.

Here is my position and my testimony is to please urge you to protect Oregon's agriculture and beautiful farmland to remove UGB expansions. It is imperative that you keep Oregon's mystique and allow for future generations to have an opportunity to experience the nature and ground this beautiful state still has, thanks to people like Tom McCall. We have to stop expanding on urban growth boundaries and I encourage you to fight the good fight to keep our farmland and agriculture a top priority! Nature needs it! Earth needs it and our precious wildlife needs it!

I vote NO to unnecessary UGB expansion loopholes that push already-marginalized people farther from their communities and resource networks. I vote NO on impeding on any farmland that we have fought so hard to protect since the 70s!

Please! I pray you will keep our farmland and wildlife safe by voting no to UGB expansions. We need to stop all UGB expansions! It needs to stop now! Please! Keep the Oregon Mystique!

Thank you so much.