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On Behalf Of: HB-4026-A  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure: HB4026

Dear Chair Lieber, Vice Chair Knopp, and esteemed members of the Senate Committee on Rules,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of North Plains, urging your support for HB 4026-A. This bill holds significant importance in upholding the integrity of Oregon's land use planning goals, particularly in relation to citizen involvement, as established over half a century ago by SB 100 in 1973.

The cornerstone of Oregon's land use planning framework, Statewide Land Use Planning Goal 1, mandates active citizen participation throughout the planning process. HB 4026-A aligns with the spirit of Goal 1 by reaffirming the longstanding precedent of citizen engagement since its inception. It emphasizes the necessity for municipalities to establish citizen committees, fostering transparent communication, public participation opportunities, accessibility to technical information, responsiveness to citizen feedback, and adequate financial support for citizen involvement.

Introducing the possibility of submitting legally compliant decisions to voters for ballot consideration deviates from the intended purpose of Oregon's land use system. Such a measure undermines the established process and legal framework outlined under Goal 1, leading to heightened uncertainty and financial burdens for local governments and the public. Moreover, it poses a significant threat to the integrity of our land use system, which has successfully navigated complex land use issues for decades.

The Department of Land Conservation & Development commemorated the 50th anniversary of SB 100 by acknowledging the enduring success of Goal 1, highlighting the consistent engagement of citizens in land use planning processes. HB 4026-A seeks to preserve this legacy by ensuring that the existing precedent set by Goal 1 remains steadfast.

In a time when effective land use planning is critical for addressing housing needs across Oregon, maintaining the integrity of Goal 1 is paramount. Any deviation from this precedent would impede our ability to achieve the objectives outlined in Goal 10 concerning housing affordability and accessibility.

Therefore, I urge you to stand in support of HB 4026-A and uphold the fundamental principles of citizen involvement and transparent decision-making that have guided

Oregon's land use planning for the past five decades.

Please vote YES on HB 4026-A.

Sincerely,  
Cindy Thackery  
Farmer and Realtor of North Plains