

Testimony on HB 2400  
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HB 2400 would fragment Oregon's agricultural and forest lands by allowing an additional house on every rural property. It is written in a way to encourage short-term resale, with no safeguards for protecting these valuable lands that feed our communities.

The only way to address the homelessness issue is to address it where it exists. Rather than opening more rural lands to development speculators, liberate land that is existing within city boundaries, where it is currently spoiled by neglect and abandonment, and **make it better**. There is no need to lay to waste more rural land when the land exists where it is needed, where services are available, where there is public transportation, where people can get a grip on their lives – *build within the city*.