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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2422

Please vote no on House Bill 2422.

HB 2422 would open up thousands of acres of land in rural residential zones (land outside UGBs) for 1-acre suburban subdivisions. The beautiful and diverse natural landscape of Oregon should not be despoiled by low density sprawl. A large proportion of the subject land is along the Highway 101 on the Coast, and in Clackamas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, and Deschutes Counties but can be found across the state. Please perpetuate Oregon's proud history of protecting its rural lands for rural uses and as wildlife habitat. Our state is known for these important protections.

The resulting unaffordable luxury housing suburban sprawl would negatively impact farmers, ranchers, foresters trying to manage adjoining working lands. It would threaten water quality and quantity, wildlife, and would generate high levels of climate-changing automobile pollution. Furthermore, it would require painful tax increases to build and maintain vastly expanded infrastructure to provide urban levels of services. The bill is bad for working lands, natural resources, housing affordability and taxpayers.

Land outside UGBs should be protected as farm and forest land and wildlife habitat.

Thank you,
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