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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2422

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and Committee Members:

I am writing today to ask you to oppose HB 2422 because this bill:

- Promotes Sprawl & Weakens Land Use Protections – It would allow counties to bypass existing land use laws and enable case-by-case upzoning of rural lands, potentially doubling rural land density.
- Limits Public Involvement – Oregon’s land use planning process is intentionally inclusive. This bill undermines that, making it easier for well-financed landowners to push through zoning changes without broader community input.
- Threatens Resources & Infrastructure – Oregon’s land use system ensures that development happens where infrastructure, transportation, and services already exist. Smart! HB 2422 disregards these safeguards, risking strain on resources and causing harm to farms, forests, and water supplies.

Please protect Oregon’s rural lands and quickly reject HB 2422.