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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2400

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Andersen, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson, and members of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness,

Thank you for the chance to comment on HB 2400. I am writing to urge you to vote against this bill. It would create the sort of wholesale change that has been rejected time and time again as dangerous to our rural and ag planning and zoning. 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 valuable ag lands. People who want or need an extra home on their rural property already have a variety of mechanisms to secure such a home.

Thank you for considering my comments and allowing this opportunity for public input.