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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2400

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 2400. I have been an Oregon resident since 1980. Keeping Oregon livable and economically viable are the top priorities for the State. Homelessness detracts from both livability and economic viability. A strong agricultural and forest economy support Oregon's livability and economy by providing food, materiel, and employment. HB2400 would harm Oregon's farm and forest industries, Oregon's livability, and do nothing to address the homelessness plaguing Oregon and other states. There are already processes in place to approve new housing on farm and forest land. The housing and density increase that HB2400 would allow raise the cost of valuable farm and forest land and put those lands out of reach for the next generation of family farmers and foresters. The increased density would also stress the natural resources that are needed to support both the farm and forest industries. HB2400 would not provide housing to the homeless populations in a places where housing is needed. It would, in fact, increase the price of land beyond what farmers, ranchers, and foresters can afford. HB2400. I urge you not to support HB2400.