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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2422

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

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB2422. 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. HB2422 would do little to provide housing for Oregon's homeless population where that housing is needed. Instead, HB2422 would allow counties to bypass existing processes to increase the density of existing rural lands and put pressure on taxpayers to provide new infrastructure, services, and schools for those lands without addressing the existing homelessness problem. This increased density would make agriculture and forestry more costly, if not impossible, on these rural lands. I urge you not to support HB2422 for the sake of an Oregon that is both livable and economically viable.