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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 opportunity to comment on HB 2400, HB 2422, and HB 2316. I am writing to urge you to vote against these three bills.

I moved to and have lived in Hillsboro, Oregon for over 16 years. I support our local farmers through herd share agreements, CSAs, etc... our local farms are the 2nd largest Oregonian industry, bringing in over \$33 Billion dollars per year. I have watched first hand, land go for the stated intent of "affordable housing" turn into data centers and unaffordable housing for the majority of Oregonians. I have seen this impact our local farmers by fragmenting the land and reducing access to farm services as they close business due to a reduced need from a reduction in farmers.

Oregon has a land use system in place for the express purpose of protecting the land and including the local residents to have input. This system should be supported and does not need bills that would create confusion.

I am an Oregonian who opposes HB 2400, HB 2422, and HB 2316, which will negatively affect the agricultural, forested, and public lands that sustain our communities. These bills disregard existing laws, especially our land use laws that encourage smart growth and the protection of agricultural and forest lands that Oregonians rely on for food, fiber, and jobs.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and your support in voting against HB 2400, HB 2422, and HB 2316,