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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2400

I'm writing in opposition to House Bill 2400.

My sister and brother-in-law own a working farm, and the last thing they want is more residences being built that will most likely end up being disconnected from farms. There are already provisions for adding housing for those who will actually work on the farms and in the forests. Adding other housing adds too much traffic on rural and forest roads, and too many residents who will complain about farming and forestry practices.

This bill would also increase the cost of farm and forest lands, by allowing resale of the new residences soon after they're built.

Ag and forestry are major industries, already dealing with far too many unrelated uses in exclusive farm and forest zones. Our housing shortage is in towns and cities, not in the countryside. Keep new housing within towns and Urban Growth Boundaries, where it belongs.

Thank you for considering my testimony.