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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2400

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.

This bill is unnecessary and destructive to Oregon's valuable farm and forest lands. I urge you to NOT support it. I have lived in Oregon for over 40 years, and in that time Salem and many other communities have expanded to accommodate new people and businesses moving into our state. However, our sensible land use laws have for the most part, kept urban sprawl out of Oregon's rural lands. Once that land is paved, it is lost forever to the use for which it is best suited.... maintaining Oregon's \$33.3 billion a year agricultural industry.

Our land use laws not only preserve farm land, but encourage cities to develop efficient transportation, jobs and housing structures within a UGB, which conserves energy and reduces green house gases.

Thank you for your consideration, and I ask that you do not pass HB 2400.

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