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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2422

I am writing in today to ask you to oppose HB 2422. Here's what I don't like about this bill:

Promotes Sprawl & Weakens Land Use Protections – Allow counties to bypass existing land use laws and enable case-by-case upzoning of rural lands? With the potential to double rural land density? No, thanks!

Limits Public Involvement – Oregon's land use planning process is intentionally inclusive. This bill undermines that, making it easier for well-financed landowners to push through zoning changes without broader community input.

Threatens Resources & Infrastructure – Oregon's land use system ensures development happens where infrastructure, transportation, and services already exist. Smart! HB 2422 disregards these safeguards, risking strain on resources and causing harm to farms, forests, and water supplies.

I've appreciated this opportunity to weigh in and I thank you for your consideration! With so many priorities in front of us, I hope you will protect Oregon's rural lands and quickly reject HB 2422.