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To whom it may concern, I am Monique Bochsler, and I firmly oppose SB 438 and SB 878. These bills represent poor policy choices and merely replicate HB 2400. There is no need for additional houses for resale on agricultural land; these proposals are unnecessary and facilitate a misleading process. While they claim that the extra house must be designated for a family member, this requirement only applies to the initial application, allowing the property to be sold to anyone afterward. Oregon already has existing measures to accommodate housing for relatives. We do not require more structures that would disrupt the integrity of Oregon's resource lands. The introduction of additional dwellings complicates farming operations, as farmers rely on large, undeveloped areas to function effectively. More housing options inflate the cost of farmland, making it increasingly inaccessible for aspiring farmers. This is yet another effort to weaken Oregon's land use regulations.