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-Chair Pham and committee members;

For the record my name is Peter Kenagy, a lifelong OR resident, farmer, landowner, steward, parent and engaged citizen. Over the last 45 years I have had extensive involvement with a multitude of issues, including homelessness, just last week I participated in the PIT count, surveying the homeless in a park that adjoins our farm. I understand that housing affordability is a real issue and needs addressed.

SB878 is just one of a suite of bills introduced in the 25 session. That ostensibly are intended to reduce housing costs.

Unfortunately that is not the effect they will have in the long term. It is important for you all to take a hard look at the unintended consequences passage of this bill and those similar will have.

This bill, and others like it will do a number of things.....

They will make Oregon inefficient.

They will make Oregon unsustainable.

They will be a detriment to our environment

They will necessitate a proliferation of septic tanks and wells in areas that can not handle them in the long term.

They will do nothing to reduce the cost of housing, without costing taxpayers ever increasing amounts to cover the services required.

I urge you to kill this bill and its ilk in committee and be smarter about figuring out how to reduce housing costs and preserve the quality of life for future generations of Oregonians.

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