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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB78

Dear Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, and members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire. I urge you to support SB 78, which addresses speculative land pricing for high-end residential development and would fix misuse of “replacement dwelling” provisions while protecting the ability for homeowners in farm and forest zones to replace a home lost to natural disaster or decay. This will help stop conversion of thousands of acres of resource land into elite residences at the expense of working farmers and timberland managers. This bill would help close a loophole that is bad for rural residents, rural economies, and our state as a whole. Please remain vigilant and proactive in preventing irreparable damage to Oregon’s precious resource lands and the families that work hard to feed our communities. Thank you for considering my comments and allowing this opportunity for public input.