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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3944

Dear Senators and Representatives of Oregon State,

I am writing to strongly urge you to support House Bill 3944 and Senate Bill 678. SB 762 has placed unfair and costly burdens on rural Oregonians, forcing homeowners to comply with defensible space mandates, home hardening requirements, and excessive regulation, all under threat of fines.

What's worse, SB 762 failed to address the real wildfire risk, the vast state and federal lands that remain uncleared and unmanaged. Instead of holding government landowners accountable for reducing fuels, this law unfairly shifted the responsibility to private property owners.

HB 3944 and SB 678 repeals the most damaging portions of SB 762, including the wildfire map, home hardening mandates, and land use restrictions. They also remove the unnecessary "seller disclosure property statement" requirement. These bills are critical to stopping the overreach and unfair targeting of rural Oregonians.

Please support HB 3944 and SB 678 to protect property rights and bring fairness back to Oregon's wildfire policies. Thank you for your time and leadership.

Sincerely,

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