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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3858

Dear Chair Helm and members of the committee,

HB 3858 is yet another attempt to weaken current land use laws and promote sprawl on our farm and forest lands. By legalizing "remainders", it would allow more houses on resource land that has already been partitioned or subdivided.

It would allow development on land "not separately described in a deed or land sale contract". This wording is so vague as to be quite alarming. Any postage-stamp-sized piece of land "discovered" by developers could become a legal lot.

Our land-use planning system was created to preserve resource land outside of urban growth boundaries. Goal 3 "places restrictions on developments that are unrelated to agriculture in order to minimize uses that conflict with farming." Goal 4 "places development restrictions on forest lands. These restrictions seek to prevent activities that could conflict with forestry practices." Please defend Oregon's land-use planning program and reject HB 3858.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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