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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3928

I am strongly opposed to HB 3928, which would allow counties to designate unlimited rural land outside urban growth boundaries (UGBs) for sprawling residential development. This bill threatens Oregon's forests and farmlands—critical resources for our environment, food systems, and future resilience.

Allowing unchecked development in rural areas would lead to the permanent loss of working lands and increase pressure on fragile ecosystems. It would also significantly elevate wildfire risk by pushing more homes and infrastructure into fire-prone wildland areas. As climate change intensifies, this kind of sprawl puts more lives, property, and emergency services at risk.

HB 3928 undermines decades of smart land use planning. We should be strengthening protections for forest and farmland, not opening the door to short-sighted expansion that reduces our ability to grow food locally and adapt to a changing climate.

Please oppose HB 3928.