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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3928

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Andersen, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson, and member of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness,

I urge you to please oppose HB 3928 due to its harmful effects on resource land.

This bill sidesteps Oregon's land use process and urban growth boundaries by allowing random spot zoning of residential subdivisions on Oregon's agricultural and forest lands.

It would encourage land developers to purchase productive agricultural and forest land, take it out of production, and build sprawling, inefficient large-lot residential subdivisions in the middle of these resource lands.

Farmers, ranchers, and foresters would be further priced out of the market for resource land. It would break up the large tracts of land that farmers need to operate. Nonfarm uses would increase conflicts with common farm and forest practices.

Development belongs in urban growth boundaries where the infrastructure exists, not in expensive to serve areas.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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