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House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St., NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: "No" on HB 3928

To Chair Marsh and Members of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness

Friends of Marion County is an independent 501(c)(3) farmland protection organization founded in 1998. Our mission is to protect farm and forestland, parks, and open space in Marion County.

We oppose the adoption of HB 3928 and request the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness to NOT move this measure out of committee.

HB 3928 authorizes counties to create random and haphazard housing developments on land outside urban growth boundaries, including on lands zoned for agricultural and forest use.

- NO to authorizing sprawling, large-lot residential subdivisions outside urban growth boundaries in a way that will not alleviate the state's housing shortage.
- NO to incentivizing developers to purchase productive agricultural land and stop the food and fiber production that crucially supports Oregon communities.

The time is right for the legislature to pay serious attention to Oregon's farm, range, and forest land and the many resources those lands protect. Please stop the land speculation and conversion of Oregon's limited and precious agricultural and forest land resulting from unintended loopholes in existing land use statutes.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

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