We are opposed to HB 3928, which would allow counties to designate an unlimited amount of rural land, for sprawling residential development.

Passage of this bill would result in a loss of precious farm and forest land.

Additional development in rural lands would increase fire danger and add new stresses to depleted water supplies. There would be increased demands on emergency response teams and road maintenance needs.

There is a shortage of housing in Oregon, but this bill is not a solution. Growth should be concentrated within urban growth boundaries where there are services, public transportation, and jobs nearby.

Please protect Oregon's land use system by rejecting HB 3928.

Sincerely, Robert Sizoo and Susan Turner Deschutes County residents