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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3928

Afternoon,

I am strongly opposed to HB 3928, which would allow counties to designate an unlimited amount of rural land, outside UGBs, for sprawling residential development.

HB 3928 would add to the loss of farm and forest land and drive up the costs for starting or maintaining a farm/forest operation. We should be concentrating growth within UGBs, where services, infrastructure, and jobs exist. Not creating islanded rural sprawl which increases wildfire risk, degradation of wildlife habitat, groundwater quality, and increases emissions from commuting.

HB 3928 is a short sighted band-aid to the housing crisis that will create long-term problems (outlined above) for all Oregonians. Please protect Oregon's epic land use system by rejecting HB 3928 and help preserve rural livelihood and a productive agricultural economy.

Thanks,  
Elisabeth