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Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3928

re: HB 3928 would increase agricultural and forest land prices for land stewards

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

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on HB 3928. I urge you to vote against this bill.

I am an Oregonian who opposes HB 3928, in fact I support more community-led surveys (ie: Visioning Advisory Committee (VAC) groups that helps give residents a greater say in the visioning process, such as:

- >> Neighborhoods that Meet the Needs of Residents (not properties focused on Airbnb or investments for banking)
- >> Affordable, Quality, Housing of Choice
- >> Easy Access to Parks and Nature
- >> Arts, Culture, and Community Events Across the Community
- >> Community-Wide Economic Prosperity
- >> A Convenient and Reliable Public Transit System that Connects to Universities and to Vibrant Downtown(s)
- >> A City for Families, Elderly, Students and Children
- >> Policy and Programming that Facilitates Environmentally-Friendly Living
- >> Environmentally Responsible Land Use
- >> Resilience and adaptability in the face of Climate Change and Natural Disasters

Investing in our communities growth starts with the right partner. I support Oregon hiring an experienced architectural firms to help take meaningful steps to address Oregon's shortage of affordable, accessible housing inside connected communities.

Cities are where most Oregonians live and where most of the state's population growth will take place in the future. Cities are where most of the state's physical infrastructure is located. In the last ten years, employers and residents favor a 'BLUE ZONE' type lifestyle combining physical activity, low stress, rich social interactions, a local whole foods diet, and low disease incidence.

We want communities close to our schools (K-12 and higher education), close to the hospitals and close to the libraries. We want to support our city police officers and fire men.

PLEASE DON'T LET HB 3928 create random and haphazard housing developments

on land outside urban growth boundaries, including on lands zoned for agricultural and forest use. The bill creates incentives for developers to purchase agricultural land, take it out of production, and build sprawling and inefficient low-density subdivisions in the middle of agricultural and forest land.

PLEASE DON'T LET HB 3928 allow the random spot zoning of residential subdivisions throughout the Oregon countryside. It encourages land developers to purchase productive agricultural land and stop the production of the food and fiber that supports Oregon communities.

Thank you for considering my comments and allowing this opportunity for public input.