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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4113

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Breese Iverson and Andersen, and Committee members:

I urge you to oppose HB 4113. Like most Oregonians, I value our land use planning system and do not see a legitimate reason for the OR legislature to allow one developer and a county to site up to 960 units of housing on up to 250 acres outside a UGB, exempt from standard reviews and public participation. It's untenable. Not only is it a terrible precedent, this bill is equivalent to writing a blank check to one private stakeholder, with the costs to be paid by eroding our land use laws that have made our state unique, damage to natural resources, increased wildfire risks for communities, Las Vegas-like sprawl, and increased impacts on public road systems and utilities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeff Heilman