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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 am writing today to ask you to oppose HB 4113.

Think about how the American buffalo, beavers, African wild animals and so many other birds, reptiles, animals and fish have been brought near to extinction or indeed disappeared by the picking off of one creature at a time. Who could have imagined that what initially seemed like an inexhaustible quantity of animals could disappear but it has happened. We have far less farm land and habitat for our remaining wildlife in Oregon than there were buffalo roaming the plains and we can't afford to keep picking it off acre by acre. We know we can wipe, all that is natural, off the face of the planet when we don't have safeguards. Can we instead think to the future and make the hard but necessary decisions that will provide us and future generations to come, a healthy and whole natural environment for sufficient food supply for both mankind and wildlife. I do not agree that any single developer should be granted exception to bypass our land use system. One by one, each buffalo death is what resulted in the decimation of what initially seemed like an impossible conquest. I encourage you to do the right thing for generations to come and protect and uphold wise land use principles.

As an Oregonian, I value the land use principles that help keep our state healthy environmentally and economically. Upholding our land use system is key to both.

This bill would benefit one private stakeholder at the expense of our land use system. With so many other important priorities in front of you, I hope you will quickly reject HB 4113.

Sincerely,

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