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

Committee members. I am writing you to urge you to oppose HB 4113. As a native Oregonian of 66 years I continue to see efforts to do damage to our land use laws and the protections they afford us. HB 4113 is another such flawed effort. It can only benefit one individual as opposed to benefiting all Oregonians especially those that depend on protections for farming ranching and forestry.

HB 4113 contains too many variables and would set terrible precedent. And those opposed to our excellent land use laws wish to have such poor precedent as they year after year continue to try to do harm to our laws and our lands and our State. Oregon is special and you need to help protect our laws and land. Please oppose HB4113.

HB 4113 would allow a county to site housing on up to 250 acres outside a UGB somewhere in the state, including on farm and forest land.

This bill contains several concerning elements.

The development would be exempt from compliance with Oregon land use law, including all of the statewide land use planning Goals, and it provides for no public participation in the county siting/approval process.

Remember that this effort would go against many of our Goals. Goal 1, Goal 2, Goal 3, Goal4, Goal 11, Goal 15.

Thank you for your consideration in opposing HB 4113.

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The county sprawl the bill would allow is likely to violate one or more of Goal 1 (Citizen Involvement), Goal 2 (Land Use Planning), Goal 3 (Agricultural Lands), Goal 4 (Forestlands), Goal 11 (Public Facilities and Services), and Goal 14 (Urbanization).

There are serious climate and wildfire safety issues related to creating a new development that could house over 2,000 people on rural lands outside of cities. There are also unresolved questions about city and county roles and obligations related to impacts to existing water, sewer, and transportation infrastructure and providing new services, access, and infrastructure.

I've appreciated this opportunity to weigh in and I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Blair Hampson