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House Committee on Housing and Homelessness.

Dear Chair Marsh and Fellow Committee Members,

Thank you all for serving on this important committee and for the opportunity to enter testimony. I'm writing asking you to oppose HB 4113

Reading the text of the bill offers most citizens little in understanding of what the actual purpose, history and effect of this bill might be. However, in reading public testimony, the fog clears to show its purpose as an unprincipled renewing of an expired development right to a single private party.

The original grant some 17 years ago was time bound for the same reason any land use permit might be. Times and circumstance change. There are a host of emergent rural development issues not contemplated in past years. Allowing a development to circumvent or bypass several goals and safeguards of Oregon's land use planning program. is completely unwarranted. and risky.

As one who served multiple terms as a Multnomah County Planning Commissioner helping to implement our statewide program, I find granting such single party and purpose exceptions unfair, offensive and corrosive to public trust. Please vote no on the "fix".

Sincerely,

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