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Senate Committee on Housing and Development

Dear Chair Pham, Vice Chair Anderson and members of the Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on S.B. 1578.

As an Oregonian, a small farmer and a former county planning commissioner, I urge you to vote no on this unprincipled attack on the Oregon Land Use Planning Program. This bill asks us to set aside several fundamental planning principles and push forward with development without adequate consideration or community participation. Through my years as a planning commissioner, I know that we already have sound methods of solving housing demand without clobbering the existing system. I'm hoping you recognize this too.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
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