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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1578

Dear Senate Committee on Housing and Development,

As an Oregonian deeply concerned about the quality of our food and farmland, & protection of our natural resources, I urge you to vote NO on SB 1578.

Yes, housing is an urgent need in our state, but we should not abandon the principles and planning that have made Oregon what it is, in our attempts to meet that need.

This bill would allow high density housing in areas that we have long (& rightly) protected for other purposes, and would do so without consideration for the long-term impacts on other vital components of our economy and resources.

It's a far more efficient use of resources to keep density within the already-urban areas, where there are already services and infrastructure. Our state has a proud history of limiting sprawl, for excellent reasons. Please don't abandon that legacy.

While seemingly well-intentioned, I believe that if this bill passes into law, we'll all be worse off.

I trust you'll receive many more eloquent and well-reasoned, fact-filled letters of opposition on this topic. Please consider them carefully, and vote no on SB1578.

Thank you,