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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.

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. Our current land use principles protect farms, forests, open space and wildlife habitat. In the last fifteen years I have experienced these principles supporting the return of young people to farming. During summer farmers' markets in Bend most of the produce was trucked over from the Valley. With the return of young people to farming in Central Oregon very little produce comes from the Valley and the young farmers in Central Oregon are producing more and more fresh vegetables and fruit which draws more and more people to farmers' markets for their produce. In addition, these farmers have CSAs which reach more people with their produce and have waiting lists to join.

This bill would benefit one private stakeholder at the expense of our land use system. In addition it could very well open the door for more exceptions to our land use system. With so many other important priorities in front of you, I hope you will quickly reject HB 4113.

Sincerely,

Ann Brayfield
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