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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural  
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

The Oregon Land Use planning and regulations have been carefully and extensively developed for more than 50 years, reinforced by the Urban/Rural Reserves processes recently. Development has been provided for, while agricultural and forestry has been protected. HB 4153 would allow more kinds of commercial development, and larger impacts, than current regulations allow. This would chip away at the Oregon's productive land base, which has been our strongest asset from Oregon Trail days through the present. This bill is not only unwise, but also an affront to all those who have worked within and advocated for the Oregon land use system. Current regulations allow reasonable and modest amounts of commercial activities, derived from a farm's production. Please vote against HB4153 and retain the system which has been working well.