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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1578

Chair Pham, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Committee Members,

Please oppose SB 1578.

This bill would allow urban-density housing on farm and forest lands which runs counter to Oregon's land use laws. The people of Oregon support Oregon's land use laws and have upheld them again and again when challenged.

This bill is unnecessary as there are already seven paths forward for allowing dwellings on farm land and six on forest land, allowed when these dwellings support continued farm and forest use of the lands. Oregon's limited farm and forest lands need to be maintained for resource use.

The existing rules for ADUs (SB 391 in 2021) reflect a balance of concerns of the stakeholders and should be left alone. In Wasco County where I live the ADU rules were only recently adopted for rural residential zones and are just being implemented now.

As someone who has been evacuated five times, I am also concerned with the increased wildfire risk, especially after this winter's record snow drought.

Please do not support this unnecessary and harmful bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sheila Dooley
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