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Senate Committee on Housing and Development
Oregon Legislative Assembly

RE: Concerns Related to SB 1564

Chair Pham, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB), thank you for the opportunity to convey our perspective on SB 1564, which is consistent with the specific concerns expressed on the record by the Marion County Farm Bureau (MCFB). We appreciate the unique nature of the land area in question, the local residential development pressures present in the Woodburn community, and the targeted nature of this proposal.

OFB is the state's most inclusive agriculture organization, proudly representing over 6,500 family farms and ranches that produce more than 220 agricultural commodities. From hops and hazelnuts to cattle, cranberries, and timber with operations spanning from just a few acres to thousands, our members utilize all farming methods including organic, conventional, regenerative, biotech, and even no-tech.

When an established Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) expansion process is established in state law, as it is in ORS 197A.285, we strongly encourage cities to adopt that approach. Through this established process, many of the itemized concerns identified by MCFB can be more thoroughly addressed and mitigated in a thoughtful, methodical manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to share this testimony.

Sincerely,



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