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Subject: Testimony in Opposition to HB 4113

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Breese Iverson and Andersen, and Members of the Committee:

I was a State Representative from 2003 to 2009 and after that a member for eight years of the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC). I now live on the Linn County farm that has been in my family for over a century and where I grow hazelnuts.

I served on LCDC in 2009 when the Metolius was designated as an Area of Critical State Concern. That designation was made because there were at the time proposals for destination resorts in the Metolius region that threatened to spoil its natural wonders. As a concession to the developer of one of those resorts the right to place a destination resort elsewhere was granted. The developer has failed to proceed with a project through the nearly two decades that have passed since the right was granted and instead has come to the legislature several times for an extension of time and location.

LCDC did not intend for this concession of a development right to be perpetual, which it appears to be becoming. The legislature should say "time's up". Please do not move HB 4113 forward.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,



Greg Macpherson