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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4113

I am writing today to ask you to oppose HB 4113.

As a 20+ year Oregon resident, current central OR resident, who plans to stay for life, I value the land use principles that help keep our state healthy environmentally and economically. Upholding our land use system is foundational to both. The Metolius river basin region is a truly unique microclimate that includes both mature Ponderosa pine, Doug Fir, and Western Cedars. There are very few of these pockets of where the western forest firs intermingle with the high desert's Ponderosa. It has long been a place of public recreation, reflection, and appreciation of the wonderful state in which we are privileged to reside. Upholding our state's land use principles is important on a larger scale, but unique to this case, is also protecting a true ecologic treasure.

This bill would benefit one private stakeholder at the expense of our land use system. With so many other important priorities in front of you, I hope you will quickly reject HB 4113.

Sincerely,

James Dayton, MD