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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4113

As former Oregon resident now living just across the river from Portland, I am familiar with the Metolius and remember well that Betsey Johnson has property near there. NIMBYism at work there I cannot help but doubt the environmental interests and intentions of a political candidate that took campaign donations from petroleum and mining/excavation industries. It seems that she just wanted that idyllic area for the benefit of only her family and friends, not other Oregonians that she claims to champion.

It's many years later now and Oregon continues to face a serious workforce housing shortage. HB 4113 offers a practical way to align an existing but unworkable 2009 development substitute mechanism with today's housing needs. The Metolius Basin remains protected. This bill does not undo that protection. Instead, it:

Secures permanent conservation of the property.

Allows workforce housing where communities have documented shortages.

Resolves a 17-year-old issue fairly and responsibly.

Isn't it time to resolve this? I encourage you to allow HB 4113 to move forward with appropriate guardrails.

Thanks you for your time and consideration,
Staci Hunter