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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4113

Greetings members of the legislature and staff:

I am writing in support of HB 4113.

The 2009 Metolius legislation permanently protected a unique and treasured landscape. However, the substitute development opportunity created at that time has never functioned as intended.

HB 4113 accomplishes three important goals:

Permanent conservation of the 627-acre Metolius parcel.

Redirecting the expired TDO toward needed workforce housing.

Resolving a long-standing dispute and avoiding unnecessary litigation.

This is not a rural sprawl proposal. It is an opportunity to tie housing development to communities that need it, while ensuring permanent conservation protections.

I urge you to support continued work on HB 4113.

With respect,

Duncan Berry