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Dear Representative Garrett and the Rules Committee:

We would certainly like to be testifying on June 5 about HB3536, but the bill has been introduced at such a time and been brought up with such lightning speed that we are unable to do so. It is painful to see a bill with such an impact on our neighborhood be introduced on May 29 and scheduled for a hearing by June 5. Currently, the supporters of this bill are informed and ready to tell you why they need it. The vastly larger public who will be affected by it are for the most part completely in the dark at this point, unable to tell you what they think. Ordinary citizens depend upon local media for our news, but there has been absolutely no coverage as of today. With the trip to Salem an all day venture from Sisters, advance notice is essential. I understand that a few folks will be there in person and I applaud them. But please remember there are more of us here who cannot make the trip and many, many others who do not even know about this bill yet.

**So my first request of the Committee is that you Slow Down.** Do not move it on to the next step based on such a rapid consideration that makes a mockery of the public comment process.

**My second request is that you reject this bill when you do consider it in full.** HB3536 is clearly a piece of special interest legislation, defining a category of development for which only its supporters can qualify. It gives 'rights' to the Heritage Farm owners that they do not otherwise have and that the development agreements on the Metolius have never granted. Furthermore, it bypasses the local planning process by making the existing laws inapplicable.

For we the neighbors, the main concerns are of course that this bill authorizes development that could not happen under existing state and local law, creating traffic jams on designated scenic bikeways and threatening our efforts to restore Whychus Creek, Most painful to the surrounding community, HB3536 transfers surface water rights to ground water rights directly. We are not only dismayed but shocked that any piece of legislation would propose to add ground water rights in this way. The bill has language about monitoring the water supply, but as landowners nearby we have already had to relocate our well, and others have had similar experiences. If that water supply is tapped by a golf course, 480 homes, 100 RV spaces, and unspecified overnight guest units, we are going to be sorry indeed.

So please, please, say No to HB3536 or at least postpone consideration until such time as the public can participate in the dialogue.

Thank You,



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