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Chris Garrett and Members of the House Rules Committee:

RE: HB 3536  
"Heritage Guest Ranch"

Please stop this legislative attempt to allow additional resort development on the Cyrus Properties east of Sisters. Our historic ranch is located adjacent to the property in consideration for development. We border these properties on the West and South. Help us retain the current agricultural and timber zoning on these fragile lands. Sisters has plenty of underused lands zoned for hotels, motels and residential neighborhoods. If this land is developed in the manner proposed it will have an extremely negative impact on our property and the surrounding forest and agricultural lands.

A few years ago the Cyrus family attempted to expand their golf course and residential development. At that time there was a huge outcry by the residents of Sisters against their proposed change of use and it was denied. This sneaky move appears to be an outright misuse of the state legislature. It is also a smack in the face to our local zoning regulations. At the core, this attempt using the "Heritage Ranch" terminology is almost laughable as they have only owned this property for 20 years! An "end run" to sneak changes through doesn't change the fact that expansion in this area is ill advised

Face it... the area cannot support the additional traffic, expanded water usage, additional run off from paved roads and roof surfaces, disruption of deer and wildlife migration routes. And what about the fact that we, as neighbors, believed in the power of the existing zoning laws and made our investments accordingly?

Please review the facts on this request and deny it.

Sincerely yours,

Kathy Deggendorfer