



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
OF OREGON**

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To: House Land Use Committee  
Representative Brian Clem, Chair  
Members of the Committee

Re: HB 3098, 4,000 acre expansion of Young Life facility - OPPOSE

The League is a non-partisan, grassroots political organization that encourages informed citizen participation in government. The League has long-standing positions in support of our statewide land use planning program with local implementation. We believe that the state should have the prime responsibility for establishing the broad framework of planning goals and for coordinating comprehensive land use plans, with participation by citizens and by local and regional governments.

Washington Family Ranch's 4,000 acre expansion proposal for the Young Life camp seeks to bypass the established order of our land use processes, which includes the critical components of local government review and citizen involvement. It is a "one-off" exception to both the statewide and local processes. We believe that specific projects such as this, which do not benefit the public as a whole, should be dealt with through the exceptions process at the local level and not through legislative action.

HB 3098 can be compared to other development proposals that have come before the Legislature in previous years. The League objected then, we object now, and we will continue to object to this upending of Oregon's land use program. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

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President

Marge Easley  
Natural Resources Specialist