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From the Desk of
Rep. Carolyn Tomei

Please vote No on HB 3098

The Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club is a non-profit member-supported, public interest organization that promotes conservation of Oregon's natural environment by influencing public policy decisions—legislative, administrative, legal, and electoral. We have worked to protect Oregon's environment and natural resources since 1978. We urge your 'no' vote on House Bill 3098.

The Sierra Club believes that this is a short-sighted bill that adds yet another unnecessary exception to our land use laws by allowing a single entity to have a non-farm use on exclusive farm use lands. Already, non-farm uses take far too much agricultural land out of production and we simply don't need to be legislatively creating even more exceptions. There is a process in place already and Young Life should have to play by the same rules applicable to everyone else instead of trying to legislate its way around impediments to its camp.

So while we do have some concerns about the substance of HB 3098 and the impacts that Young Life's camp might have if it is built, our primary concern is the precedent that these types of bills set. Carving out yet another exception for this one entity sets us on a path to eviscerate our land use laws by the proverbial death of a thousand cuts. Let's not encourage other organizations and individuals to get around abiding by local land use requirements by writing legislation to accomplish their aims.

We respectfully urge your opposition to HB 3098. Please protect our critical land use laws and vote no on this unnecessary and potentially destructive bill.

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