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TO: The Honorable Representative Brian Clem, Chair
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RE: House Bill 2831

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 2831. We would like to point out a technical issue on HB 2831 that could be easily rectified. Section (4)(d) prohibits a property line adjustment in an exclusive farm use, forest use or mixed farm-forest zone for a Measure 49 property if it results in new parcels larger than two or five acres, depending on whether the land is high-value farm or forest land or within a ground water restricted area. However, there is often a remnant parcel that is larger than these maximums that physically cannot be made subject to these maximums. It does not appear to us that the bill is intended to apply to the remnant parcel. The bill would be more complete if it clearly exempted remnant parcels from the maximum parcel sizes.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide you with information about HB 2831. If committee members have questions about this testimony, please contact Katherine Daniels at 503-934-0069, or katherine.daniels@state.or.us.