

February 8, 2016

House Committee on Rural Communities, Water & Land Use
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: "No" on HB 4079

Chair Clem and Members of the Committee:

I hope you will not move HB 4079 out of Committee. This bill is a wolf in sheep's clothing.

Land developers are using the issue of affordable housing as an excuse to weaken Oregon's urban growth boundary system. This system works! It is at the heart of our land use program; it is what keeps Oregon "Oregon".

I have horses. I need farm land to keep and ride my horses. I need farm land to grow hay to feed my horses. I do not want to see more houses on Oregon farm land, especially in the fertile Willamette Valley.

Thank you for your consideration.

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House Speaker Tina Kotek
Sen. Boquist
Senate President Peter Courtney