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House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Opposition to HB2937 - Permits accessory dwelling unit on land zoned rural residential and as conditional permitted use on land zoned for exclusive farm use.

Opposition to HB2938 - Permits siting of recreational vehicle for residential purposes on land zoned rural residential and as conditional permitted use on land zoned for exclusive farm use.

Dear Chair Clem and Members of the Committee:

Friends of Marion County is a 501(c)3 farmland protection organization founded in 1998. Our mission is to protect farm and forestland, parks, and open space.

Our organization and its individual members are opposed to HB2937 & HB 2938 and request a "NO" vote since these bills would have a major negative change to our land use system.

There are many reasons we oppose these bills. We will list a few.

1. HB 2937, the so-called "accessory dwelling unit" bill, is not even about accessory dwelling units - it simply allows building another house on the same lot.
2. There is no requirement that the ADU be attached or inside an existing house,
3. There is no requirement that the two houses be in the same ownership, or that the ADU be smaller than the "host" building.
4. These bills just allow another dwelling, whether frame built or RV, on farm land.

HB2937 & HB2938 are ill conceived and a real threat to Oregon's landscape. We therefore request a "NO" vote on these measures.

Thank you for your consideration.

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