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

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## Subject: "No" on HB 2937 and HB 2938

Dear Chair Clem and members of the Committee:

I hope you will **not** move HB 2937 and HB 2938 out of Committee. Both these bills promote more housing on farmland under the pretense that currently homeless persons want to live in rural areas. The expense of living far from employment would be too great for those who are very low income and without a home.

I live in a rural area because I have horses. We need to preserve what rural lands we have left for needs that cannot be met in urban areas. I utilize farmland for hay, pasture, and riding horses. Please refrain from further urbanization of our precious rural lands.

I also hope you will not "compromise" by allowing second dwellings on acreage residential and rural residential lands. This will lead to developers convincing county commissions to designate more farmland as AR and RR. This is a dangerous slippery slope.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

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