

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:

Our family has farmed for five generations on our land in Hubbard, Oregon. We welcomed the land use laws as a way to preserve farm land in the popular Willamette Valley for five more generations to come. When my niece needed a home on the farm, we eliminated an old farm house in order to accommodate her structure.

There is a process in our land use laws for additional dwellings. Making this easier only hastens the destruction of farm land whether it is in EFU or AR and RR land.

Agriculture is Oregon's second largest industry: 1 out of 8 jobs in this state is agriculture related, and the industry is directly and indirectly linked to about 22 billion in sales of goods and service, accounting for 15% of the statewide total of sales involving all industry sectors. Fully 80% of our goods are sold out of state with 40% exported out of the country. And those figures have been increasing steadily for two decades, which is not a story any other industry can tell.

This industry should not be compromised in a way that will hasten its destruction.

Thank you.

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