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Senate Committee on Environmental and Natural Resources
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RE: Senate Bill 1048

My name is Kathryn Jernstedt. I live at 8156 NE Mineral Springs Road in Carlton in Yamhill County. This is part of the Frank and Anna Jernstedt Farm established in 1891 and which proudly celebrates its recognition as a Century Farm. I wish to testify in opposition to SB 1048

To read “a progression of property line adjustments that incorporates further adjustment of adjusted properties” put me in mind of credit swaps and derivatives. My understanding is that the parties at interest seek a way around the existing rules and processes to do something that LUBA has deemed illegal. These rules are in place to protect our forest and farmland from conversion to residential use. Contrary to the aim of the UGB to coordinating businesses and residences around services, these remote dwellings are increasing the risk of woodland fires and the cost of fighting them.

As a member of the fourth generation on the family farm I treasure SB 100 and all it entails for protecting that legacy. During that process and in subsequent reviews a great deal of care and consideration has gone in to identifying the forest and farmland and developing strategies to keep it in productive use. To grant such a significant exception to established standards by legislative fiat is dismissive of the many stakeholders who came together in the land use rule making processes. The open and inclusive rule making process may be messy and protracted but is conducted so all stakeholders and the public in general are on relatively even footing.

I respectfully request that you do not advance this bill. Thank you for your attention.

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