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Cc: Peter Courtney; Michael Dembrow
Subject: No on SB 1024

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Dear Chairperson Gelser and Committee members:

I am a co-owner of a 475-acre farm in Hubbard, Oregon, that has supported five generations of our family. I am opposed to SB 1024 as I believe it creates many problems for adjacent farmers and sets up the possibility of creating more RR designations.

One part of the northern border of our farm borders RR designated land. Although we have water rights from the Pudding River, not all our farming neighbors are as fortunate. People building houses on RR land will drill wells for water and in many areas this may create problems for farmers. Farmers cannot make a living without water and too many wells could adversely affect their livelihood.

A second problem is traffic. Farmers have large equipment which moves slowly and needs roads to reach other fields. Having too much traffic creates hazards and fellow farmers have been killed by impatient drivers.

Another problem is that if the second dwelling is on an adjacent parcel of land that is still part of the farm--very common on today's farms--that new homeowner could request another house later. This absolutely needs to be addressed.

A final problem is that this will just increase the clamor for more RR lands. Agriculture is Oregon's second largest industry. In my county of Marion it is the largest industry.

Please preserve our land use laws that keep Oregon beautiful and productive. Vote no on 1024

Thank you.

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