

I STRONGLY oppose HB 3456 and any other bill that would allow solar panels on high value farmland. Those panels can go on buildings, and Oregon has a LOT of buildings.

We farm @2800 acres of Athena Silt Loam soil, a rare and precious natural resource, in finite supply. It is a wind deposited, high quality, well drained soil up to 60 inches deep. In our area we get enough rainfall to not need any irrigation in order to raise green freezer peas, and small grains. Wheat yields have reached 131 bushels per acre on our farm WITHOUT irrigation. This land should NEVER be covered in solar panels, but we have been approached. Our land will NOT be covered by anything except food producing crops, for which we receive less money per acre than is offered by these solar projects. The American Farmer provides high quality food at a low cost to many in the world and should NOT be hampered in that endeavor by government.

Please protect this extremely valuable resource and vote NO to ANY bill that would allow it to be destroyed, such as HB3456.

Thank you
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