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Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources  
State Capitol  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, Or 97301

### **Opposed HB 2031-5 (was HB 2893)**

Dear Chairman Dembrow and Committee Members,

Our Board of Directors met on April 13, 2017 and discussed House Bill 2893, which is now in the dash 5 amendments of HB 2031. We looked at how this bill in its current form could impact our Exclusive Farm Use Zone in Jefferson County. We met again on May 11, 2017 and again decided to oppose HB 2893 components that say "for east of the Cascades". As long as it is for east of the Cascades, whether the bill number changes but the impacts stay the same our board is in opposition.

At times it is as if east of the Cascades' agricultural lands are viewed as the step-child of needing protection when it comes to land use. In our county a lot of the "scrub" lands make up a very important part of the grazing lands. We can show the committee pictures of such lands where cattle are grazing. We feel that there is no reason for this bill. DLCD has rules that work now when following the UGB expansion process. This is not good land use planning since this appears to be a special interest bill for the City of Bend, Oregon. The impacts will be felt east of the Cascades, and not just in Bend. Land use planning just to benefit The City of Bend that may have impacts east of the Cascades really needs studied; because we know the impacts from this bill in our county will not be harmless.

We ask for your support to let this bill die this session as long as HB 2031-5 is for all of "east of the Cascades".

Sincerely,

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