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Senate Committee on Rules  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Re: **Opposition to SB 432**

Dear Chair Burdick and Members of the Committee:

Friends of Marion County is a 501(c)3 farmland protection organization founded in 1998. Our mission is to protect farm and forestland, parks, and open space.

Our organization and its individual members are opposed to SB 432 and request a "NO" vote since this bill would be a major negative change to our land use system.

There are many reasons we oppose this bill. We will list a few.

1. SB 432 provides no process to alleviate the reported economic doldrums of some rural areas.

2. SB 432 eliminates planning for growth by exempting the Goals counties use to justify growth.

3. SB 432 ignores the recent increase in farmland valuation.

4. SB 432 is unnecessary since population trends vary with economic conditions. We should not be changing these rules for every recession or boom that occurs – these periods are cyclical.

SB 432 is ill conceived and a real threat to Oregon's landscape. We therefore request a "NO" vote on this measure.

Thank you for your consideration.

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c: Senate President Courtney  
Senator Brian Boquist  
Jason Miner