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Dear Members of the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources,

My name is Lori Slaughter. I'm a rural land owner in Central Oregon and a volunteer state leader for the American Tiny House Association's Oregon Chapter. I am writing to express my absolute opposition to HB 4034, which removes the ADU option for rural land owners.

As an active citizen in my own neighborhood and ATHA-OR leader, I have received hundreds of calls, emails, texts and FB messages asking why Oregon's legislature passed such a thoughtful bill, SB 1051, that addresses our worsening affordable housing crisis, promising relief to those of us who wish to take care of aging parents, house farm workers, or add an affordable unit to the rental market...only to then remove this option before it even takes effect.

Please know that I am as concerned with protecting natural resources and farm land as you are. I believe this can be achieved in tandem with providing ADU options in rural communities. In July 2017, SB 1051 passed the House unanimously and overwhelmingly (23 to 6) in the Senate. <https://legiscan.com/OR/bill/SB1051/2017>. This tells me that across the state of Oregon, every community is seeking a thoughtful and innovative way forward to successfully address our acute housing crisis in both rural and urban areas.

By voting "NO" on HB 4034 and keeping SB 1051 in tact, rural counties and municipalities will benefit in the following ways:

1. Increased revenue from property taxes
2. Increased revenue from building permit fees
3. Employment - more jobs in the construction/building industry
4. Support for the agricultural industry/local farmers; strengthening farm families
5. One more tool to address the housing crisis

Additionally, property owners will benefit in the following ways:

1. Increased property values

2. Rural land owners will be afforded the same ADU option as their city dwelling counterparts to care for aging parents on site, house farm workers and other relatives/friends

As a rural land owner and advocate for alternative housing options, I am asking each one of you to vote "NO" on HB 4034 and keep to SB 1051 "AS IS", especially section 6.

I am ready, willing and able to collaborate with you on solutions should you need additional testimony and support from a citizen living in a rural community.

Feel free to call me anytime as this matter is of an urgent nature. I understand you will be taking up HB 4034 this week.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Yours in Service,

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