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Helping to shape the use of our natural resources to protect the quality of life in Yamhill County.

House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97901

RE: Testimony in Opposition to HB 4075

Chair Clem and members of the Committee:

Friends of Yamhill County works to protect natural resources through the implementation of land use planning goals, policies, and laws that maintain and improve the present and future quality of life in Yamhill County for both urban and rural residents. Passing HB 4075 would be a disservice to the work that has gone into preserving Oregon's high quality agricultural lands.

The legislative-driven settlement of some years past was complex. There were disappointments for those who wanted more UGB expansion as well as those who wanted less. The years long process of designating urban and rural reserves had already found its way into the courts. The signatory jurisdictions considered compromise a better alternative to extended litigation. To change designations or grant exceptions on an ad hoc basis undermines trust in the process and confidence in the future so essential to good planning.

Further, to declare this an emergency in a system that works in terms of 20 and 50 year land supplies lacks credibility. Please do not move HB 4075 forward.

Sincerely,

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