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Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Yes on HB 4031-A16

Dear Senator Dembrow 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 support HB 4031-A16 and request a "YES" vote since this bill would have a major positive change to our land use system.

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

1. HB 4031-A16 proposes to fix a clerical error from the 2017 legislative session, SB 1051. SB 1051 was a last minute replacement to an earlier bill, HB 2007.

2. During the process of transferring language from HB 2007 to SB 1051 the phrase 'within the urban growth boundary' was mistakenly deleted.

3. The legislative intent was to allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) within the UGB of a city but not to permit ADUs outside of the UGB.

4. HB 4031-A16 is intended to correct this error.

5. This bill will **NOT** permit an ADU on land designated Rural Residential (RR) or Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) outside the boundaries of a city's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB).

HB 4031-A16 is well conceived and will have a positive effect on Oregon's landscape. We therefore request a "YES" vote on this measure.

Thank you for your consideration.

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