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

Re: Opposition to SB 88-1 - Allows counties to authorize construction of accessory dwelling units on lands zoned for rural residential use. Establishes conditions of approval for accessory dwelling units.

Dear Chair 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 are opposed to SB 88-1 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. Here are a few:

1. SB 88-1 has a significant fiscal impact which has not been assessed by the working group.
2. SB 88-1 does not require counties to implement a conditional use permit thereby restricting notice to surrounding neighbors.
3. SB 88-1 expands residential housing into rural areas which comprise additional threats to rural use. RR zoned land provides important buffers between the UGB and EFU land.
4. SB 88-1 threatens rural land along with all of the other conditional uses, including solar arrays and outdoor mass gatherings.

SB 88-1 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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