



**Jefferson County Farm Bureau
798 SE Dover Lane
Madras, Oregon 97741**

February 12, 2019

**House Ag & Land Use Committee
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301**

Oppose HB 2363

Dear Chairman Clem and Committee Members,

We are opposed to this bill. Rural residential (RR) lands in our county are the buffer in our county between urban populations and our EFU/farm zone. Many of our members live in homes built before "1974" as well as residents that reside in the rural residential zone.

We need that buffer and every effort to add an accessory dwelling in the rural residential zone changes the dynamics of the buffer and increases the impacts of traffic and demands fire protection. We have members that live in rural residential areas. I spoke with five of our members that have homes build prior 1974 just to find out how they feel about this bill. Two members told me that they didn't want to farm, but wanted to have a few critters to tend to. And three of them said that they didn't want to farm, but didn't want to live in town and bought their "little piece of heaven" to live in the country. Not one of the five said that they wanted increased density with neighbors adding an accessory dwelling. Every one of them said that they didn't like this bill.

When you live in rural Oregon it usually is a choice of lifestyle and you don't want to change the area that you have chosen to live.

Please oppose this bill and do not send it forward.

Sincerely,

Mickey Killingsworth

**Mickey Killingsworth
Secretary-Treasurer**

Home of the North Unit Irrigation District