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

RE: Opposition to HB 3024 - Prohibits county from considering property tax classification of dwellings that were previously removed, destroyed, demolished or converted to nonresidential uses when reviewing application for replacement dwelling on lands zoned for exclusive farm use.

Dear Committee Members:

Friends of Marion County is an independent 501(c)(3) farmland protection organization founded in 1998. Our mission is to protect farm and forestland, parks, and open space.

1. We oppose HB 3024 because it is not a solution to a non-existent problem.
2. Marion County has approved approximately 12 applications in the last few years. These were approved under the current statute. According to the planning department only one applicant failed to show proof of property tax payments.
3. The current statute was the result of a legislative compromise to allow a restored replacement dwelling that had fallen into disrepair or had become a hazard.
4. The Legislature is, once again, making changes to statutory laws for the convenience of one party resulting in further weakening of SB 100.
5. We all suffer when SB 100 is reduced to a motto without teeth.

Please vote "NO" on HB 3024.

Thank you for listening.

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