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**Subject:** No on HB 2456; No hearing, No Pass, No Death of 1,000 cuts to Oregon!  
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Honorables,

This is just about the worst idea ever — a terrible, rotten, stupid, evil idea, all dressed up in an innocuous package designed to lull you and the rest of the Oregon Legislature into complacency, thinking ... “gosh, it’s so tiny, what could it hurt?”

Well, as far back as the Bible, we’ve known that once the camel gets its nose under the tent, pretty soon you’re sharing your lunch with a camel, who doesn’t bring any snacks and just eats yours.

This HB 2456 pretends to be just about letting McMansions leap out into the EFU wilds in just far eastern Oregon, but once the principle is established that “Oregon protects its natural resource lands unless people really really want to make money by building McMansions on them” then it’s really going to be hard to keep this bad idea limited to the furthest out regions.

This is just to be the first of 1,000 cuts aimed at gutting our land use system.

Stopping this now is the easiest of those 1,000 cuts to avoid, and it means we can avoid having to deal with this again and again and again as the camel starts getting greedier and more encouraged because you failed to stop it right at the start.

That’s why you have to just say “Not only no, but HELL NO to HG2456.”

Thank you,  
John Gear  
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