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Dear Chairperson Nathanson and members of the House Revenue Committee:

I am writing to urge you NOT to move HB 2456 forward. Oregon's land use laws have served us well over the past decades, but this bill would chip away at the protections provided by our current laws. Agriculture is a driving force for the economy in Eastern Oregon, and developing housing on productive farm land is not the way to improve the economy there. Surely there are sufficient areas that are not suitable for farming that can be developed. There are ancillary costs associated with developing housing in rural areas. Not only would this bill reduce the amount of income producing farm property, it would encourage traffic in areas that currently do not have highways and bridges that can handle a lot more vehicles. I worked closely with ODOT for years. When the legislature authorized "enterprise zones" several years ago, the state had to pick up the bill to improve and expand state highways in areas that previously were infrequently used.

I hope you will look at the potential consequences of weakening our land use laws by allowing urban development on EFU land. It would be a step in the wrong direction, and contrary to reasoned, thoughtful, careful land use planning designed to preserve our valuable farm lands.

Thank you

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