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To: Senate Committee on Rules
Chair Ginny Burdick and Members of the Committee

RE: Opposition to SB 1050 (Removes 10-year limitation on subsequent purchasers subdividing or partitioning property or establishing dwelling authorized by Ballot Measure 49)

Dear Chair Burdick and Members of the Senate Committee on Rules:

Thrive Hood River (formerly Hood River Valley Residents Committee) is one of Oregon's oldest local land use advocacy groups. Since 1977 our mission has been to protect farms, forests, special wild places and the livability of urban and rural communities in Hood River County. We were actively involved in Measure 37 and 49 and remember well that Measure 49 passed with 65% of the vote in Hood River County and 62% of the vote statewide. It's disappointing to see the legislature -so very late in the session and with so little notice of a hearing- considering a bill to undermine the compromise that was so strongly supported by voters.

The reason Measure 49 passed so overwhelmingly is that voters believed it brought fairness to existing property owners but also certainty for farmers and everyone else that there would be a finite number of Measure 49 dwelling and that there would be a finite amount of time during which additional dwellings on resource land would be built. The current law gives subsequent purchasers ten years to subdivide, partition or establish a dwelling. Ten years is plenty.

Thrive Hood River urges your committee to reject SB 1050.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather Staten".

Heather Staten
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