

Hello,

As a professor of land use planning and resident of this state, I urge you to SAY NO TO SB 1050. Smart and consistent land use planning is an important part of what makes Oregon special, and it is in our public interest.

Please do NOT cave to individual property owners and special interest groups. Vote no on SB 1050.

Here is why:

- Thus far the legislature has been consistent about not changing the terms of the voter approved Measure 49. This bill would be counter to the past resolve of the legislature to not make such changes.
- This bill would violate the trust of the voters, who passed Measure 49--including this provision--by large margins across the state.
- Making a major change such as this with little notice and next to no opportunity for public input is inappropriate.
- This bill is bad for Oregon's farmers and foresters, because it opens up the possibility of more non-farm and non-forest related dwellings being developed next to them and adds uncertainty about the conflicts that those uses will bring.

Best,

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Article in journal Land: [Changes in Farmland Ownership in Oregon, USA](#)

Podcast from National Young Farmers Coalition: [Who owns U.S. Farmland?](#)

Article in Government Technology about Planning Methods I class project: [Urban, social data helps reduce fire and safety risk](#)