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Via Electronic Mail

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To: Senate Committee on Housing and Development; [and many others].

Re: OPPOSITION to [SB 1555]

In addition to issues raised in my previous testimony on [SB 943A], I have additional concerns.

For the last several years there has been and to this day, an ugly war raging between the two sectors of Oregon's Economies; the High Technology / Service Economy versus the Resource Economy (agriculture, timber, forest products, and fisheries).

The High Technology / Service Industry entices thousands of people to migrate to Oregon looking to satiate their fortunes but when they get here, they find out there are only a finite number of "good-paying jobs." This gives rise to housing shortages, high-rents and significant pressures on cities to expand their Urban Growth Boundaries which in turn, is reeking havoc with the case loads at the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA).

To relieve the pressures Oregon cities are facing, Oregon's rural areas have been targeted to absorb the expansion of population growth, high housing costs and unemployment.

In the Regular Session 2019 of the Oregon Legislature there were many bills opening up the "rural farm areas" for a myriad of ill-conceived reasons; Housing, Economic Development, Mass gatherings, Agritourism UGB Expansion and etcetera, all of which contain demonstrable threats to the reduction of irreplaceable farm lands and material interferences with farm operations. This expansion also increases Oregon's "Carbon-Footprint" which illustrates the hypocrisy of the proposed [SB 1530]: "Cap and Trade" legislation.

Make "NO" mistake, the Oregon Legislature hasn't the slightest intention to prohibit the destruction of Oregon's Resource Economy.

Just so we understand ourselves, the High Technology / Service Economy is fragile and reliant on "Market conditions" and is therefore extremely "Unsustainable." Tens-of-thousands of people could face unemployment if the "Market" fails. The Resource Economy on the other hand is "Sustainable" because people need to eat and there are varied needs for timber and forest products. Additionally, agricultural food products, forest and timber products remove Carbon-dioxide from the atmosphere.

Oregon, historically, is an agricultural state. The infrastructure was tailored to meet the needs of the Resource Economy. The Resource Economy is the heart, backbone and soul of Oregon's economic future.

Every developmental project that consumes irreplaceable High Valued Farm Land and or creates material interferences with farm operations in any manner, Oregon's Resource Economy will collapse and disappear into the ages.

VOTE "NO" ON [SB 1555]!

Respectfully submitted,

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