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Chairman Senator Shemia Fagan Senate Committee on Housing Development

Dear Senator Fagan and Committee Members,

Re SB1555

Please consider my strong opposition to SB1555. I am a lifelong (60+ years) resident of Douglas County and can tell you that state land use regulations are essential to keep our rural agriculture and small scale forestry productive. SB1555 is a disingenuous route to increase currently non permitted housing development outside of urban growth boundaries. To cloak this as "freedom of religion" should not override all the sensible requirements for farm zone dwellings.

Senator Heard's dramatics should not be rewarded with any concessions thinking he will be more tractable on other issues. These tactics are like current Republican congressional tactics. And I say this as a lifelong Republican who can no longer support the party.

Sincerely,

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