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MARION COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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To: House Committee on Housing

From: Marion County Democratic Central Committee Legislative Committee
Re: "No" on HB 2655

Dear Chair Fahey and members of the Committee,

We are hoping you will not move HB 2655 out of committee. There are too many unanswered questions and too many issues are raised.

This bill proposes a minimum lot size of one acre in rural residential zones. These zones are outside of urban growth boundaries (UGB's). They often abut exclusive farm use zones.

We do not want higher density outside of UGB's. This flies in the face of Oregon's successful system of land use planning.

We value Oregon's rural lands. We do not want them urbanized. HB 2655 would urbanize rural lands.

We know that others are submitting testimony regarding the numerous problems with issues such as fire hazards, conflicts with nearby farms, water issues, sewer issues, etc., so we will not list those here.

Please vote "No" on this bill.

Sincerely,

Carena Perez Europa
Marion County (OR) Democratic Central Committee