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To: Senate Committee on Housing and Development; others

Re: I OPPOSE [SB 391]...ADUs...Not in my backyard or anywhere else in rural Oregon!

[SB 391] is yet another, seemingly never ending assault of bringing "urban sprawl" destroying rural areas.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) are another veiled attempt to create housing to depopulate urban cesspools like Portland. The ADU program is a pretext for subdivision of rural lands for residential housing projects.

ADUs are going to be used as commercial entities and as such raise the issue of additional pressure on the Department of Water Resources with reference to "Water Rights."

The commercial entity will have to pursue "Water Rights" but in all reality, Counties, such as Yamhill County where I live, do not enforce any conditions in the permits that are issued.

It is very unlikely, any "Water Rights permits" will be pursued unless neighbors complain to the Water Masters and this is not how this program is supposed to work.

Now, let's discuss traffic and services required to support ADUs. If ADUs are not electrically wired to run on a generator, ADUs will exacerbate pressures placed on our failing the electrical grid. Electrical power failures are happening more frequently and create more prolonged unnecessary suffering.

**Traffic** on rural narrow, winding roads are already bad enough and ADUs are going to make it even worse.

Also, let us not forget the torments which will be wrought upon landlords with respect to **[HB 2484]** and **[SB 299]**. You can look these pieces of legislative crap for yourselves.

**Wildfire danger** is increased by having more people in the rural areas. Fire response in some areas must be serviced by firefighting aircraft. And yet, you want to house more people in the rural areas.

**Farmers, Ranchers, Vineyards and Dairies** already face problems with rural housing interfering with their agricultural practices and their accompanying; unwanted deleterious influences, affecting their bottom lines.

But, do you want to know what really chafes my hide more than ADUs slated for rural Oregon?

It is the propagation of the myth, "Californians are destroying Oregon."

When in fact, Oregon is being destroyed by Oregonians who vote for people like all of you.

The Legislature must come to reality only so many people can live in rural Oregon.

The Willamette Valley already has too many people and too little water.

The lifeboat is full.

Oregon needs to create more towns.

Respectfully submitted,

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