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Rep. Fahey, Chair and Committee Members
House Committee on Housing
State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Please Vote “NO” on HB 4118 - Allows city to expand its urban growth boundary, or to require Metro to expand its urban growth boundary, in order to include land designated as urban reserve that supports workforce housing and commercial development supportive of workforce housing if certain conditions are met.

Dear Rep. Fahey, Chair and Committee Members

Friends of Marion County is an independent 501(c)(3) farmland protection organization founded in 1998. Our mission is to protect farm and forestland, parks, and open space.

We oppose HB 4118 and Amendment -1 because

- (1) these UGB expansions will be driven by individual private landowners, not a public process,
- (2) the bill will distract cities from taking real actions to increase diverse and affordable housing options where people need and want to live, inside UGBs — near work, school, and shopping, and
- (3) the scope of the -1 Amendment is much too broad to handle any one of the listed issues in an effective way.

We urge you to reject HB 4118 and the -1 Amendment and thanks for listening.

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