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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Housing
Measure: HB4118

Dear House Committee on Housing:

I am writing to express my opposition to HB 4118 as well as the proposed Amendment 1. Oregon has an established land use process that was developed with input from a wide diversity of constituents. It's a process that works successfully in balancing preservation of farmland vs. urban growth. Our current process needs to remain intact and be followed as is, not circumvented or modified by HB 4118 or the - 1 amendment. Once land has been converted from farmland to urban development, it never gets converted back. Once converted, land can be redeveloped to meet the changing needs of the urban environment. Oregon doesn't need to lose more farmland to urban development. What we need is for the urban areas that already exist to be modified to meet the growing needs of urban uses (homes, businesses, etc). Build up, not out.

Sincerely,

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