Submitter: Sheila Dooley

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing

Measure: HB4118

Pease vote No on HB 4118 and the -1 AMENDMENT. Oregon has a housing shortage but there are ways to address this without undermining Oregon's land use laws. Expanding an urban growth boundary is a serious issue and there is a process in place to deal with it. Oregon's land use laws are supported by the people of Oregon who have upheld them at the ballot box again and again, and shouldn't be circumvented.

Farm land shouldn't be pitted against housing. Diverse and affordable housing is needed. We also need food producing-lands as well.

Our neighboring town, The Dalles, is working to find meaningful and creative solutions to the housing crisis that do not involve expanding the UGB. Higher density, building up not out, multifamily housing, and modular units for homeless people are a few examples of these alternatives.

Please vote No on HB 4118 and the -1 Amendment.

Thank you.