

To: House Committee on Housing

From: Cindy Kimball

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Re: "No" on HB 4118 and "No" on the -1 Amendment

Dear Chair Fahey and Members of the Committee:

I urge you to vote "No" on both HB 4118 and HB 4118-1.

When I first heard the meme of "affordable housing", I feared homebuilders and land speculators would take advantage of the situation and try to get the legislators to allow the exploitation of farm land for houses. Too many homebuilders care more about profits than about our quality of life. Oregon has a wonderful land use planning system that allows for orderly and predictable growth when growth is needed.

I have belonged to a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program for the past five years. I get healthful, beautiful organic produce from a local family farm. Allowing what is proposed in HB 4118 and the -1 amendment would greatly jeopardize local family farms and our ability to get produce directly from them.

The Oregon Farm Bureau, the Marion County Farm Bureau, and 1000 Friends of Oregon oppose this bill and the -1 amendment. I do, too!

Please vote "No" on HB 4118 and the -1 amendment.

Thank you.

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