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Helping to shape the use of our natural resources to protect the quality of life in Yamhill County

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Senate Committee on Rules
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon

Re: SB 42

Dear Chair and Committee Members:

Friends of Yamhill County (FYC) works to protect natural resources through the implementation of land use planning goals, policies, and laws that maintain and improve the present and future quality of life in Yamhill County for both urban and rural residents. We strongly oppose this bill which would adversely impact the existing rulemaking processes.

Friends of Yamhill County actively participate in a variety of rulemaking processes. It takes a lot of time and energy and we do not prevail in every effort but do not see this as an appropriate approach. Others have already discussed a multitude of problems with the bill and we will not restate all of that. What we do want to emphasize is the **fundamentally undemocratic** nature of allowing as few as ten individuals to obstruct a lawful and well-established public process. It would skew the evaluation process to the **detriment of critical citizen interests** like public health and safety, environmental protection, climate impacts. It is **critical to fund the agencies tasked with data gathering and developing impact statements** rather than substituted data from private interest groups.

Please reject this bill in its entirety. Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

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