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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB648

Dear Housing and Development Committee Members,

Our farm and forest resource lands are being continually threatened by more development, more allowable uses, more replacement dwellings, accessory dwellings, hardship dwellings, etc. The amendment to SB 648 would incentivize further development and undermine Oregon's Statewide Land Use Planning Goals.

Goal 3 "places restrictions on developments that are unrelated to agriculture in order to minimize uses that conflict with farming." Goal 4 "places development restrictions on forest lands. These restrictions seek to prevent activities that could conflict with forestry practices." Please ask yourselves, "Who would this amendment serve?" Certainly not farmers and forest managers.

I urge you to oppose SB 648-1.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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