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On Behalf Of: Eagles Nest Reserve Vineyard and Winery
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development
Measure: SB1051

I want to strongly urge you to vote against Senate Bill 1051. This bill would subvert and undermine the existing sensible urban reserve planning tool and encourage chaotic poorly planned urban expansion over some of the Willamette Valley's prime agricultural lands. In our area of Helvetia and the Sunset Corridor north of Hillsboro and surrounding North Plains much of the land has the highest percentage of Class I and Class II soils on the NRCS Web Soil Survey found anywhere in Oregon. Senate Bill 1051 would undermine protection of these valuable lands from urban sprawl. We should be working toward creating affordable housing in walkable communities near existing transit lines—this bill does the opposite.