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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure: SB1087

Hon. members of Senate Rules Committee:

Thankyou for the opportunity to oppose this extremely short sighted bill. There are many reasons that urban uses such as restaurants are limited to urban areas by Oregon's Land Use system. The biggest one is that such restaurants use fewer resources more efficiently when inside an urban growth boundary. We will need all the help we can get to slow down climate change, and becoming more efficient in our use of resources is one big and less painful way to accomplish that goal. In addition, farmers like me have way too much on our plates already without having to cope with another batch of tourists who think a tractor in the road is a major insult and inconvenience worthy of lots of noise and crazy driving. Not to mention what happens if the wind comes up suddenly and their adventure in the county gets dusted or sprayed. This bill is pushed by those who care only about their own profit and not a bit about the ability of the rest of us to continue to make a living in relative safety. Please send this bill back to the swamp from whence it came. If you wish a more detailed discussion of the conflicts generated when more and more urban uses are allowed in the EFU zones please see "Death by 1000 cuts" available on Thousand Friends of Oregon's website.