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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Labor and Business

Measure: HB4040

I would like to express my concerns and opposition to HB 4040 as it pertains to allowing the conversion of exclusive farm use property to other uses. I oppose HB 4040-A6 where it proposes the conversion of high value farmland for uses other than farm use. It is also concerning that sections of the amendment are only focused on Coos County. There has been a steady loss of farms and ranches in Oregon and HB 4040 appears to contribute to the loss of farm and ranch lands. Once lands have been converted from exclusive farm use to another non-farm uses such as mining or geothermal, it will be lost forever.