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Wildfire  
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I support SB 78. Oregonians have been very successful at protecting our farm and forest lands from development into other uses, and keeping their prices in line with what their intended uses can support. Recently, erosion of our intent has occurred. There is a loophole that has been allowing developers to speculatively build enormous trophy houses which nobody who farms or grows Christmas trees or commercial timber could ever afford with what their businesses can produce. That means the land is no longer productive as the laws intended it to be. Instead, the land is fallow and removed from the portfolio of productive uses and Oregon suffers while others grow rich. Please close this loophole by passing SB 78 which will limit the size of replacement dwellings.

Thank you.