

Dear House Committee Members on Housing Homeless

I oppose HB 3928, which would allow counties to designate an unlimited amount of rural land, outside UGBs, for sprawling residential development.

The negative consequences that would result from HB 3928 are vast and here are my top three::

- **Degradation of wildlife habitat.** HB 3928 aims to allow extensive development on all rural lands, including those that are protected under Goal 5, which protects natural resources, scenic and historic areas, open spaces, and wildlife habitat.
- **Increased wildfire risk.** This bill would increase both wildfire hazard and wildfire risk for rural communities. We are already living in dangerous fire circumstances, this bill will only increase the chances of more catastrophic fires across Oregon.
- **Decreased groundwater quantity and quality.** Expanding the number of housing units on rural lands across the state will further destabilize groundwater resources and negatively impact groundwater quality.

Please protect Oregon's cherished land use system by rejecting HB 3928.

Sincerely

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