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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or HB4153
Topic:

Dear Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, and members of the Agricultural, Land Use and Natural Resources Committee,

I am opposed to HB 4153, which is yet another assault on Oregon's attempts to preserve farm land for actual farmers. My people are from Minnesota and we have a family home in Minnesota north of Brainerd. Every year I fly into Minneapolis and drive the 3.5 hours up to our cabin. And every year, I see that more and more of the best farmland in the world is being paved over. Minnesota has no effective land use control: big houses are replacing meadows, and shopping fields are covering crop lands. My father used to hunt pheasants in the corn fields west of Hutchinson--now that's all gone.

Please don't let that happen to Oregon!

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