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Subject: Opposition to SB 1564

Chair Pham, Vice-Chair Anderson, Senator Jama, Senator Nash, and Senator Patterson,

Marion County Farm Bureau is writing to express our strong opposition to SB 1564 and the proposed annexation of 120 acres of prime agricultural land currently located in Marion County into the City of Woodburn.

SB 1564 appears to circumvent the established annexation process, and we are concerned it sets a troubling precedent for the conversion of high-value farmland across our state.

We oppose SB 1564 for the following reasons:

1. The permanent loss of 120 acres of prime farmland.
2. The loss of agricultural water rights associated with this land.
3. Insufficient infrastructure to support development, including significant traffic impacts.
4. Negative impacts on adjacent farming operations.
5. Inflation of agricultural land values beyond the reach of working farmers.

Oregon's agricultural lands are a vital and finite resource. Once converted, these lands and their associated water rights cannot be replaced. We urge you to vote against SB 1564 and protect the agricultural integrity of Marion County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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