

Submitter: Charles Hemingway

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4113

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Breese Iverson and Andersen, and Committee members:

I am writing today to ask you to oppose HB 4113. This bill would benefit one private stakeholder at the expense of our land use system. With so many other important priorities in front of you, I hope you will quickly reject HB 4113.

The particular developer this bill will benefit has gone back to the state legislature for not one, but five different timeline extensions, as well as two geographic expansions. Now this particular developer is back again, asking to be allowed to develop 250 acres of lands outside urban growth boundaries—land intentionally set aside to protect farms, forests, open space, and wildlife habitat—is not a win for the public or for conservation.

Time must have a stop for this developer. Please protect our lands and do not pass HB 4113. It's a benefit to a single private interest.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Hemingway, Deschutes County Resident