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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1522

Hello Chair Pham and Committee Members:

Thank you for your service to Oregon's land, waters, wildlife and people! Please see the comments below that I wholeheartedly agree with. I would also add, that I am a lifelong Oregon Resident. Our state has changed dramatically since I was born and I realize that it is difficult to maintain the urban growth boundary rules while trying to build our way out of a "housing crisis." I would suggest that we can never build our way out of this housing crisis and sacrificing our forest lands, open spaces and farmland to pursuing this will damage Oregon lands irreparably. Please consider addressing housing expansion through different avenues like ensuring that single family homes are not purchased by investors, but by families or limiting the number of single family homes a person can own, etc. We, as Oregonians, have a primary responsibility to our land. If we do not take that seriously, we will ruin the things that make this place so special. Please do not take the easy way out.

I appreciate Oregon's thoughtful approach to land use and I hope you will reject SB 1522-1.

This bill removes one of the key pillars for Oregon's land use system - the prioritization scheme. This approach ensures that when communities figure out where and how to grow with their Urban Growth Boundaries and Urban Reserves, they must consider a number of factors and balance development and urbanization with preserving our farm and forest lands.

Without the sideboards provided by this critical part of our land use system, cities would sprawl into farm and forest lands rather than onto lands already planned and zoned for residential or commercial uses.

SB 1522-1 also undermines the many years of work recently completed by DLCD and stakeholders resulting in the December 2025 LCDC adoption of rules

implementing the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis.

Please reject SB 1522-1.

Sincerely,

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