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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1522

Dear Chair Pham and Committee Members:

I am writing to ask you to oppose SB 1522-1.

SB 1522-1 removes the "prioritization scheme" which ensures protecting the state's productive farm and forest lands. This bill favors sprawling urban areas. Without the current restrictions in place, cities will expand onto farm and forest lands, rather than onto lands already planned and zoned for residential or commercial uses.

SB 1522-1 upends years of work dedicated to the recently completed by the DLCD and stakeholders resulting in the December 2025 Land Conservation and Development Commission adoption of rules implementing the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis. To ignore this public process, fails our representative processes designed to support State government decision making.

Short term thinking which benefits private development has no place in the long-term land use planning and regulation of Oregon.

Please vote "no" to SB 1522-1.

Sincerely,  
Bernard LeTourneau