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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1522

Dear Members of the Committee on Housing and Development,  
Thank you for the opportunity to submit a comment regarding SB 1522-1. I oppose this Bill because of the negative impacts it will have on our precious farm and forest lands while encouraging urban sprawl. Oregon has a longstanding system for expanding Urban Growth Boundaries (UGBs) that has served this state well for decades. It has provided for orderly identification of Urban Reserves and at the same time protected our most valuable agricultural and forest lands. SB 1522-1 would overturn Oregon's nationally recognized land use program simply for the sake of expediency. If approved, SB 1522-1 will result in a cascade of urban sprawl. I urge you to maintain the balance between the lands that feed us and produce building materials that house us by rejecting the mis-guided approach of SB 1522-1.  
Thank you for considering my comment.

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