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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:

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

I am against this because it removes the prioritization scheme from Oregon's land use system. This scheme ensures that communities must consider a number of factors and balance development and urbanization with preserving our farm and forest lands. Without the guidelines provided by this important part of our land use system, cities would expand onto farm and forest lands rather than onto lands planned and zoned for residential or commercial uses.

SB 1522-1 also upends many years of work recently completed by DLCD and stakeholders resulting in the December 2025 adoption of rules implementing the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. I hope you will reject SB 1522-1 and turn focus to the many other pressing priorities that need be urgently addressed for Oregonians.

Sincerely,