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Hello

I am a farm owner and business owner in Mulino Oregon. We live off of 213 between Molalla and Oregon city . In the recent years, There has been much building for low income, housing and apartments. There is no infrastructure to support these apartments and townhouses. . I believe that many of them are empty. There are apartments everywhere in Oregon city and the surrounding area that are empty and trying to find tenants. We need to keep open farmland. Everything cannot be concrete I understand the issues at hand and have spoken to our representative Janelle Bynum regarding this issue of housing. I want to know what research has gone into how many empty apartments there are available and houses there are that could be turned into rentals instead of building more? Has there been any committees designated to this? I understand there are many people with out housing, but until we change the structures that keep people out of homes such as mental illness and jobs and that pay a living wage it doesn't matter how much housing is built I believe that this bill will not solve the problems at hand. It will only destroy land. We need to keep open space for our children . What we have seen in this area is very big homes being built on open land. It is not about the people that need housing. I urge you to not pass this bill and not to increase the urban growth boundary. The growth boundary protects open land and farm land if we don't have open land in farmland and everything is concrete at some point, what is enough there is plenty of apartments in town houses and houses in the urban growth areas that could be used for people that cannot afford housing and that need housing. I think there needs to be a comprehensive study on what the actual needs really are. It doesn't matter if you build it if people still can't afford it. The thought of dividing up farmland and changes the course of the future of this State There are so many things to fight about right now let the farms stay farms. Let's use what we have and be smart about how we go forward Our children deserve to grow up where there are still open areas of land. I appreciate your time and I again we are farm owner and a business owner and we very much opposed this bill. Thank you.