



Farmers Advisory Committee of 1000 Friends of Oregon

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House Committee on Agriculture and Land Use
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Clem and Members of the Committee,

The Farmers Advisory Committee of 1000 Friends of Oregon represents over 50 farmers, ranchers and foresters from all regions of the State. We strongly support passage of HB 2225.

Dwellings in forestland create unnecessary risk and expense for Oregon firefighters. Defending these homes and their occupants is difficult, dangerous and takes valuable resources away from the important work of fire suppression.

As recent devastating fires in California have shown us, the climate changes we are experiencing have increased the risk of fire in our forests. Restricting the construction of dwellings and other buildings is important to protect our valuable forests and the industries that depend on them. We urge you to pass HB 2225.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Gilbert".

Jim Gilbert
Northwoods Nursery, Molalla
Chair, 1000 Friends Farmer Advisory Committee