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House Committee on Rural Communities, Land Use, and Water
State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

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RE: HB 3214

Chair Clem and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to present testimony opposing HB 3214. 1000 Friends of Oregon is a nonprofit, membership organization that works with Oregonians to support livable urban and rural communities; protect family farms, forests and natural areas; and provide transportation and housing choice.

HB 3214 is very broadly worded and could have substantial effects on Oregon's farms and forests. HB 3214's expansive wording could, for example, break up "farm units." Currently, land that is necessary for keeping a block of farm land intact cannot be put to a different use so the entire farming operation is protected. HB 3214 would allow the piecemeal rezoning of critical pieces of land that are necessary to maintain farm units in farm use. This broadly worded bill would also likely have other unintended consequences.

To protect the natural resource economy in Oregon 1000 Friends of Oregon opposes HB 3214.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven D. McCoy".

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