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Dear Oregon Legislature,

I'll speak plain. Cities and towns are about people - and commerce. Attempts such as HB2007 to make our living spaces all about commerce alone, specifically the ease of builders and developers, are shameful, un-neighborly, and bullying. Citizens are just sick to death of the kind of treatment represented by HB2007.

The development community has done very well already in recent years, especially in Greater Portland. We don't have to ravage our history and culture to make way for more and more "infill." People don't HAVE to move to our communities, as development would have us believe, it's a choice. Let's be honest: for development, it's a market opportunity not a social service. One that benefits development bottom line. So let's quit pretending that this about a social service.

We can assume that folks interested in moving to our state and its communities already have homes elsewhere. Well, maybe everyone doesn't get a place in Oregon. So what? I don't live in New York City because it's too expensive, whatever. Sometimes we can't have everything we want. Sometimes we have to consider other people, other communities. Welcome to being a grown up.

Please resist this rude legislative state-wide shanghai by an industry already thriving.

-- Colin Green