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On Behalf Of:

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I oppose the -17 Amendment. Some reasons are:

* Cities already made carefully-justified urban reserve plans in the long-term regional plan over a decade ago. It is disruptive to planning of all types for the plan to be ignored e.g. the transportation plan, the sewer and water plans, etc. and it is unfair to investors for the plan to change after the promises made.

* I watch as the cities near me can't afford the cost of expanding infrastructure such as sewage lines, maintaining roads, maintaining water, so the idea of sprawling in new directions is really unaffordable to the community which keeps having fees added to their bills.

* There is already land awaiting development, but the cities don't take the steps to overcome any obstacles.

* The cities I live near in Clackamas County are already housing imbalanced, that is, there is way more housing than jobs, which burdens the regional transportation system and creates conflict as the county is opposed to tolls. Bedroom cities don't need more housing to cause further imbalance