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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure: HB3414

I am strongly opposed to the proposed amendment to House Bill 3414, which would allow all cities in Oregon a one-time expansion of their urban growth boundaries (UGBs). The - 17 amendment attempts to bypass existing Oregon land use laws. These existing land use laws protect Oregon's essence by preventing unchecked sprawl on productive farmland and wildlife habitat. Oregon deserves an approach to expanding housing options that protect these spaces while building stronger communities that emphasize reducing the impact on climate change and encourage housing diversity.

Vote no on this amendment. Protect Oregon's uniqueness. Protect Oregon's sensitive areas from sprawl. Support existing land use laws. This is what keeps Oregon from looking more and more like California, or Houston.