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Committee: House Committee On Rules  
Measure: HB3414

Hello,

I submit the following relative to HB 3414 and its dash -17 amendment. I urge the defeat of this amendment, because it breaks this state's commitment to Goal 14 of our land use planning regulations. Goal 14 has played a fundamentally important role in protecting Oregon's farm and forest lands for their essential uses, rather than being gobbled up by urban sprawl. Goal 14 by enforcing a urban growth boundaries for Oregon's cities already includes an orderly process for expansion, and it thereby plays a fundamental and important role in reducing the externalized costs of urban sprawl. There are already substantial unfunded infrastructure needs in existing urban areas. The dash -17 amendment will unnecessarily increase infrastructure costs for everyone. The dash -17 amendment breaks an important commitment that has been maintained for decades and is essential to be maintained. Thanks for your attention to this very significant issue and for acting to vote against the dash -17 amendment.