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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB3414

I'm writing specifically to oppose this bill with the so-called "dash-17" amendment.

We cannot allow ourselves to act rashly in making exceptions to the core Oregon land-use principle of the Urban Growth Boundary. Many of our housing goals can, and must, be met by using land already inside UGBs, using current zoning laws and modifying them when necessary. Our focus must be on housing efficiency, including higher density, on land currently available. Allowing exceptions by impulsively expanding the UGB will only lead to unneeded sprawl and further loss of farmland.