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Measure: HB3414

Dear House Committee on Rules, Chair Fayhe and other respected members,

Building outside of the Urban Growth Boundary would be a mistake. This attempt by out of state investment firms would set back Oregon's attempts at mitigating the impacts of climate change by reducing large swaths of land from cooling, carbon sequestering wild lands to heat attracting blacktop. It conflicts with nodal development that strives to reduce the distance citizens must travel to shop and recreate. As a homeowner in Eugene, Oregon, I concur with scientists and city planners that retaining the current urban growth boundary and rezoning current living areas is a necessary move to keep Oregon's land and water healthy. Without the health of the land, human health and society decay. Climate Change is an emergency that sprawl only exacerbates. Oregon's resiliency in the face of this emergency will increasingly depend on food security. A city's ability to grow its own food locally is critical, and will become more critical in the future as temperatures continue to rise. Oregon will do better to creatively build up, not out. Other cities are comfortable and enjoyable with stores and shops on bottom floors and housing above, walk down stairs and one block to shop for groceries. Then take a short drive or ride to cool wild spaces a short distance outside the city.

Thank you for your consideration of this attempted land grab of Oregon's wild spaces by out of state builders and investors whose concern is not Oregon, but private wealth. Thank you for serving Oregonians. Please continue to serve Oregonians, not out of state investors.

I implore you to consider the science and Oppose HB- 3414.

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