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Measure: HB3414

I am writing to urge you to please vote no on HB 3414. The bill will cause more sprawl and less-livable communities, but it will not solve Oregon's housing crisis.

To be clear, Goal 14 and UGBs are not the reason our state has a housing shortage. There is a lot of land already available within cities and UGBs, and in cases where there is not, there is already a well-established way that UGBs can be rezoned and expanded within the land use framework.

The dash-17 amendment ignores this and real barriers to more housing supply, which include needs for infrastructure such as water and sewers, and speculative land ownership. By adding more sprawl without addressing the underlying causes, you will be moving Oregon toward less livable and less sustainable communities into the future.

As a state, we just recognized the 50th anniversary of Oregon's visionary land use laws. Please don't gut the key component that helps to restrain sprawl and helps to make Oregon a special place. We should address housing needs by targeting specific areas where housing production makes sense, within the context of the existing land use laws, rather than taking an approach that ignores the principles that underlie existing laws.

Thanks for considering my view and for your public service.

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