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

Dear Chair Fahey and members of the Committee,

I write to you today in opposition to the dash-17 amendment of HB 3414 and urge you to not include this amendment within the bill.

Affordable housing is a pressing need, but it is poor planning and policy making to include this in the areas that the -17 argues to include within the UGB.

What we lack instead are investments within cities that offer jobs, transportation and services for Oregonians. We lack protections against investment properties that force moderate income residents in high cost/ high amenity areas to compete with capital from outside their regions for housing. We lack state investments in residences for full time residents to ensure that our urban areas more affordable and livable.

Instead, this proposes a costly solution that doesn't help ordinary Oregonians. Building on land outside UGBs is more costly for the state, cities, and homeowners - infrastructure must be provided from scratch, and edges of cities are usually built with large single-family detached dwellings which are the most expensive for families to buy.

Please continue to consider the wide range of options available within UGBs throughout Oregon to support redevelopment, rezoning and local permitting to build and provide solutions for low and moderate income Oregonians.

Thank you,