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I fully support initiative to expand choices for affordable housing for all, but not at the expense of our overarching state-wide land use laws that establish growth boundaries and carefully considered expansions based on real needs and only then as a last resort. There is plenty of capacity within UGBs to provide additional housing and that capacity would be much closer to existing infrastructure and services. Affordable housing needs to be closer to jobs and services - not on our urban fringe where there would be resultant pressure for sprawled development and sole dependence on the automobile.

Please return to the innovative approaches to solving our problems that Oregon has demonstrated so well in the past. Save our farmlands, preserve our forests, reduced waste, pollution and environmental impacts that will only erode our state's climate action objectives.

Thank you!