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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB1051

Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Members of the Committee,  
This study would be a waste of the DLCD efforts and go against the decades of land use law implementation that has protected our natural spaces and agricultural lands against sprawl. Cutting corners to develop UGBs is unnecessary, anti-Oregonian, and would likely result in lower-density (cumulatively less) housing than the processes already in place. Restrictive single family zoning was recently removed in cities throughout the state, encouraging denser development where infrastructure already exists. The effects of this upzoning on the housing market will start to roll out very soon. UGB expansion already has a mechanism which has been successfully utilized dozens of times since 2016, so there is no reason to fix what isn't broken with a harmful loophole. Do not move forward in cutting the public process out of UGB management.

Please vote against SB1051. Thank you.