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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB1051

NO on SB 1051

Dear Senate Committee on Housing and Development:

I believe SB 1051 is a very bad bill. And it is unnecessary.

Oregon has already passed HB 2001 and 5019 which address the myriad issues of permitting, infrastructure, and affordability that have limited our stock of affordable housing.

Twenty percent—only 20%!!—would have to be for housing or workforce commercial. To me this seems a very low percentage of affordable housing especially since it can also be used for workforce commercial. Also 120% of area medium income makes this middle to upper middle class housing. This does not provide housing for lower income families.

Urban growth boundaries are not a political tool to be used and abused at will by the legislative body, or any other body. UGBs provide a function enabled by state law that helps protect communities from the negative effects of unplanned for growth and development.

Cities under 3,500 population could just expand into an urban reserve for any reason. I found 300 out of 418 cities in Oregon were under 3,500!

In a March 17 article in the Oregonian it said that “Fully 71% of Oregonians said they opposed allowing governments to permit using developments in areas protected as farm and forestland according to a new poll.”

I am not alone in opposing this. Please do not support.