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I agree that we need to increase housing opportunities. However, I strongly oppose this bill's provision to allow large urban growth boundary (UGB) expansions without regard for Oregon's land use laws. Unchecked UGB expansion will counter our state's goals and lead to further sprawl and higher transportation costs, not to mention the environmental and climate burdens of increased sprawl and loss of natural areas. We have plenty of feasible land inside UGBs already and we need to focus on creating housing opportunities there with existing infrastructure and multimodal access to jobs and services.

Please remove the provision for UGB expansion so we can focus on real, effective housing solutions.

Thank you.