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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB1537

Sen. Jama, Vice Chair Sen Anderson and members of the Committee,
Agreed there is a dire housing issue but I see SB 1537 as not one of the solutions to that.

Having lived in Oregon since 1978 and have seen the clearly positive side of state-wide Urban Growth Boundaries and their effect. To now allow the alteration of a key component of land use planning and give way to more housing and related development - and associated vehicle miles traveled with those miles contributing to more emissions from cars and trucks... is wrong. We need better planning within the existing UGBs, more renewables and less fossil fuels, housing closer to schools, work and shopping. Not more urban sprawl.

Thank you,
James Marquard