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Measure: SB1537

Oregon Legislators,

I am writing in support of increased housing in Oregon and this bill in general, but opposing changes to Urban Growth Boundaries. A recently produced film, An Oregon Story, outlines the history of Oregon's land use policy and our ground breaking successes in protecting agricultural, timber and other rural elements. Hundreds of folks have seen this film and I recommend you get a chance to view it.

Let's not start destroying Oregon's unique land use protection system and turn us into a suburban wasteland like areas surrounding the cities of California. Those are the elements that many of us left other states to escape in moving to Oregon.

Please do not vote Yes on this bill without amendment removing language weakening urban growth boundaries.

Thanks for your time an effort as legislators.

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