

# Senate Bill 1537

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To whom it might concern, I strongly oppose Senate Bill 1537 because it would allow cities to “change their growth boundaries.” Oregon Governor Tina Kotek promised in her campaign for Governor that she would “heal the divide between Urban and Rural Oregon.” This bill would not do that!

Homelessness is seen most populated in our cities (Portland, Salem, Eugene). We need to start by banning luxury apartments or demolishing apartments that are not affordable. We CANNOT divide our communities more by giving power to our cities to upset rural Oregonians further. I say this as a Democratic Socialist. I am also an activist against income inequality. I am for universal healthcare, public housing, a living wage, and more. I might disagree with my Republican Oregonians on policy, but as an Oregonian who grew up in Rural Oregon, I understand their opposition to this piece of Legislation.

I ask Senate Democrats to PLEASE vote NO on final passage.



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