

Submitter: Mary Nikas

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB1537

Senators:

Please oppose SB 1537, as written. I recognize that we are tens of thousands of units behind what is necessary today for housing members of our communities in Oregon, and I am a huge proponent of building more housing units; however, this bill includes a completely unnecessary expansion into the Urban Growth Boundary. Senate Bill 100 which created the UGB was designed to set aside land for commercial and residential development. We should use the already set aside land to alleviate homeless, not require cities to expand to the outer limits of their boundaries. This will create more costs than relief. We need to build on interior land that already with city services, such as streets, sewer and water; schools and parks, etc. Thank you for your commitment to keeping Oregon green for future generations.