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Most of SB 1537 I support however in its current form, it has a "poison pill". If the language that changes provisions in Oregon's land use laws pertaining to urban growth boundaries is not eliminated from the bill, SB 1537 should be rejected. Under the existing law, urban growth boundaries, can be expanded to meet projected housing needs for the next 20 years. The existing provisions have been critical for preserving Oregon's farmland, forests, its environment. Enacting provisions that reduce existing protections, that have worked well, will degrade Oregon without really helping to create additional affordable housing. Housing costs are complex and more a function of market than available land. This provision in SB 1537 is simply a gift to land speculators and high end builders that will invite sprawl and degrade our environment.

Thank you for listening and for your work to address critical issues facing Oregon's cities while protecting our environment and future.