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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2316

To Chair Marsh, Vice-chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson and Committee Members.

I have lived in Deschutes county since 1986. I love Central Oregon and have raised a family here. One of the things that drew me here originally was Oregon's commitment to protecting natural spaces while also planning for smart growth and limiting sprawl. HB 2316 would go a long way to undermining this states' repeat action by allowing housing development on public lands outside urban growth boundaries. This does nothing to solving our long-term housing crisis. Building homes far from cities drives up costs, depletes natural resources and disregards Oregon's previous commitment towards sustainable development.

Let's support better options than allowing development in sensitive areas . Let's put our focus on surplus public lands inside our cities , where vast new infrastructure will not be necessary, and enable easier accessibility to schools, medical care and local businesses.

Please REJECT this measure . Thanks for considering these thoughts.

Best,
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