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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2316
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From: Marilyn Koenitzer; 20856 Bobwhite Ct, Bend OR 97701
To: House Committee on Homelessness, Chair Marsh,
Vice-chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and Committee Members
Re: HB 2316

I am writing today to ask you to OPPOSE HB 2316. As an advocate of well-planned development through many years of work with the League of Women Voters, I understand how sprawl hurts our state. Oregon is famous for trying to preserve our EFU farmland, forests and significant natural features.

As our land use system developed over the past 50 years, we have had plenty of time to see how badly sprawl affects our natural resources. We finally woke up and learned we had to build more densely, to build up. We finally learned that rural sprawl has contributed to many problems including groundwater depletion and contamination, resource encroachment and inability to effectively and efficiently develop rural areas close to urban growth boundaries.

We also learned that cities can efficiently provide basic necessities, including infrastructure, libraries, public buildings, parks, fire and police protection, which rural sprawl does not provide. Good urban planning is welcomed by recipients of it.

I urge you to reject HB 2316 and more urban sprawl!

Thank you for reading all my testimonies!