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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2316

Dear Committee members,

Please oppose HB 2316 which would designate public lands to be used for sprawling housing developments. HB 2316 will do nothing to provide housing for low income residents who need it most. It would set an extremely dangerous precedent that would seriously undermine the land use planning program that has served us well for nearly half a century.

There is no data to suggest that cities have exhausted their supply of buildable land within their current UGBs. Low and moderate income Oregonians will benefit most from new housing near city centers, near existing infrastructure and public transportation. Building McMansions on farm land outside the current UGBs will not help them.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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