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Some anti land use proponents are pushing a false narrative regarding the ability to develop housing in this State. For example, it is not true that "Oregon has managed to declare nearly the entire state off-limits to housing development." The documentation attached to this assertion from Mr. Hunnicutt, an anti land use lobbyist for most of his adult career in Oregon, was created by him with no citations for the source of his 'data.'

In fact, however, all cities are subject to the new Middle Housing laws, and all the RR zoned lands outside UGB's are allowed ADU's, RVs and trailers for temporary and rental housing, and resource zoned lands outside UGB's are ever more subject to more loopholes for more structures in conjunction with dwellings, legally and otherwise.

The HBA and other industry groups and their anti land use lobbyists do not care about affordability, or increasing opportunities for home ownership for middle and lower class working families. There is no evidence of their assertion that they do. For example, do they build affordable housing? NO. Nonprofit agencies and organizations partner with jurisdictions and sometimes the commercial business sector to provide affordable housing. The anti land use lobbyists for the HBA and similar industry groups care about profit for their members and power with the legislative body. Yet all too often the lobbyists are considered experts even without evidence and well regarded studies to back up their arguments, because of their familiarity and relationships.

Another thing to think about in these unstable times - With perhaps thousands of federal, agricultural, and other workers losing their jobs as promised by the new regime, the ability for families to pay their rents, mortgages, insurance, and other consumer good related bills is likely to be impacted negatively. Who in this county is going to be purchasing new housing units, Keep in mind the lobbyists don't care.

Please vote no on this unnecessary bill.

Thank you.