

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and members of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 2316.

I have lived in Oregon most of my life and attribute the high quality of life here in part to the land use laws implemented over the past several decades. I am concerned that HB 2316 is not in accord with positive land use practices in the state. HB 2316 allows and encourages urban-like communities to be built outside of UGBs. This is expensive and counter-productive to, on the one hand maintaining healthy and vibrant cities and on the other hand, protecting natural and resource lands. At a time when the United States has become a net importer of food it is increasingly important to use our un- and underdeveloped lands carefully.

Please vote against HB 2316.

Thank you.

John White