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There is no question that Roseburg needs to expand its boundary to meet the pressing need for growth and affordable housing. My family owns one parcel of land on the slopes of Rose Mtn. that would be involved in the Roseburg land swap. Although in the existing urban growth boundary, that property would be very difficult to develop because of its topography. The opposite is true for Charter Oaks. No engineering degree is necessary to realize that area is much more amenable to city growth, It's plain for anyone with common sense to see. As someone who once lived in Charter Oaks, it is obvious to me that the land swap is completely rational and overdue. The few people in Charter Oaks determined to close the gate behind them should not prevail given Roseburg's increasingly urgent need for sensible growth. This legislation has my full support and my hope for prompt passage. Thank you.