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House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
HB2316
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Chair Marsh and Committee Members

Please oppose HB 2316 and its attempt to undermine SB 100s protections of our land use rules. For a 150 years land speculators have attempted to seize Oregon's lands and degrade them in the pursuit of profit. Whether it is early resource extractions schemes, or modern developers seeking sprawl for their profit Oregonians have stayed vigilant to our values. This is yet another attempt to undermine the UGB system and allow the MOST EXPENSIVE form of housing to be expanded while calling it low and middle income housing. Infrastructure and services to these areas outside the UGB will be carried by tax payers and will not yield low income housing at efficient levels that could be better reached inside UGBs. This bill could have been a start to take a solutions approach, but including areas outside the UGB has shown it to be simply another attempt to eat away at our land use protections in a major way.

Please vote no on HB 2316. Thank you for your time.