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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2316

To Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and Committee Members:

I urge you to oppose HB 2316-1, which would allow housing development on state-owned lands outside urban growth boundaries (UGBs) by designating them as "Home Start Lands."

While I appreciate your concern for seeking solutions to Oregon's housing shortage, this bill, as written, is not helpful. Persons needing housing need to be close to infrastructure not isolated outside the UGB where they will need a car to commute and will not be near needed services. The solution to the housing and homelessness crisis is not to authorize development wherever there is available land. The common sense and helpful approach is to locate this housing where there is infrastructure not outside the UGB. This bill does not do that. Please oppose this proposal.

Lorie Hancock