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On Behalf Of:

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Please oppose this bill. We need housing and state lands may be useful as places to get that housing. But we cannot afford to continue to build housing outside of existing UGBs. The cost of infrastructure, roads, power, water, sewer is too great. The use of sewer systems in these developments would exacerbate ground water pollution, particularly nitrogen, which we have no way of cleaning up and causes long term health impacts. It will expand sprawl, which our landuse laws has slowed but is creeping through the state. That sprawl will impact our farmland whether it is on state lands or not, and our wildlife such as mule deer which are in trouble already in central Oregon. AND it will cause people to drive more than if they lived within a UGB, contributing to climate change.

We can do better planning dense housing within our existing UGBs. Let's do that instead of contributing to development outside our UGBs.

Thank you,
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