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I strongly oppose this bill. The success of Oregon's land use laws in preserving forests and farms is obviously apparent when you travel to other states and see the sprawl that is destroying farmland. My family has a cabin in Northern Minnesota. Every summer I fly into Minneapolis and drive north past Brainerd. Every year more and more of the best farmland in the world is being paved over.

This bill will not help our housing problem, it will only enrich developers. Are they proposing that only affordable housing go into these sites? Not a chance! They will all be market-rate McMansions for wealthy people. Bend has room inside its UGB for 20,000 more residents. But building inside the UGB on smaller lots isn't as profitable as a big, expensive subdivision on a green field.

Please stop this unrelentingly attack on our land use laws!

Thanks,

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