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Senate Rural Communities and Economic Development Committee
State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Senate Bill 19

Dear Chair Roblan and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to present testimony on SB 19. 1000 Friends of Oregon is a nonprofit, membership organization that works with Oregonians to support livable urban and rural communities, protect family farms and forests, and provide transportation and housing choice. 1000 Friends of Oregon supports SB 19.

The current Strategic Investment Program (SIP) treats similar lands inside urban growth boundaries differently, based on whether the lands were brought into a UGB prior to or after 2002. The SIP is now applied in a way that makes lands brought into a UGB *after* 2002 more attractive financially for industrial development, even though lands brought into a UGB *prior to* 2002 might make more sense to develop first due to their location. SB 19 would even the financial playing field.

Thank you for consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Kyle McCurdy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Kyle McCurdy
Policy Director