

January 30, 2016

Democratic Central Committee
Marion County Oregon
Box 13835
Salem, OR 97309

Senator Sara Gelser, Chair
Senate Committee On Human Services and Early Childhood
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR

Re: No on SB 1575

Dear Senator Gelser and Members of the Committee,

We write in opposition to SB 1575. This bill is a wolf in sheep's clothing. Instead of addressing the issue of affordable housing, the purpose of this bill appears to be eliminating one of the mainstays of our protective land use laws: the urban growth boundary.

Oregon has established a successful method of planning ahead and delineating urban growth boundaries. This method has kept Oregon livable while maintaining precious farm land. Other proposed legislation will better address the issue of affordable housing.

We ask that you *not* pass SB 1575 out of committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James A. Sundell".

James Sundell, Chair
Legislative Committee,
Marion County Democratic
Central Committee

Cc: Senate President Peter Courtney