

Honorable Senator Sara Gelser and members of the
Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood

Oregon has been my home for more than fifty years. I was a professional mariner in both the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Merchant Marine. Consequently I have been to many countries and many states. There are very few places as attractive as the Willamette Valley in Oregon. This is in great measure thanks to the far sighted leaders who established the state's land use laws. SB 1575 is a thinly veiled attempt to subvert those laws. If affordable housing land is needed in a community the local government should rezone the land to meet that need and not be given the right to expand the UGB without following the current land use laws.

Very respectfully,
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