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Senator Clem and Members of the House Committee on Rural Communities,  
Water & Land Use:

I urge you to reject HB 4079, as I think it will do little or nothing for affordable housing. Before retiring in 2012 I worked for 19 years for the Housing Authority of Yamhill County and helped that agency provide several hundred units of affordable housing. Putting such housing on the outskirts of town, far from social services, job opportunities and shopping areas makes no sense, since many in need of affordable housing also struggle with the cost of maintaining a private vehicle typically needed to live in such areas. When I applied for funding from Oregon Housing and Community Services to build affordable housing, their system of judging applications downgraded agencies that put affordable housing in such inconvenient locations.

Residential land exists within the current UGB due to the 20-year supply requirement. What is lacking is the political will in many locales to zone sufficient quantities of that land for affordable housing, which is typically higher density housing that is not as politically popular as single family subdivisions. The Legislature would have a much greater impact on the supply of land for affordable housing by setting legal standards for creating a supply of such land within the UGB than by setting aside a small amount of land for such construction outside the current UGB.

Thank you for considering my opinion, which does not necessarily reflect that of my former employer.

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