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Chair Jennifer Williamson  
Members of the House Committee on Rules  
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Chair Williamson and Committee Members:

I am writing to express my opposition and that of the City Council Legislative Committee to SB 1573. The citizens of Corvallis highly value their ability to express their support of or opposition to a particular annexation through voter approval of those annexations. Those citizens will object strongly to SB 1573's pre-emption and implementation of automatic annexations. The potential for unconstrained expansion of Corvallis flies in the face of the community desire to participate in the process of the growth and evolution of our city.

We, the Council Legislative Committee and I, urge you to reject SB 1573.

Sincerely,



Biff Traber  
Mayor