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**Subject:** The Committee on Environmental & Natural Resources or Committee members "stop advancing SB 432, SB 602, SB 608, SB 612, and SB 618"  
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Dear Concerned Colleague and Senator;

I do not agree with the recent consideration of the following legislative ideas regarding Oregon's precious public lands, as it appears to be a thinly disguised attempt at an expensive land grab, with very poor economic returns: do not advance SB 432, SB 602, SB608, SB 612, SB 618.

Additionally, undermining these rural areas with a collection of false promises relating to unrestricted and regulated urban growth, potential unrestricted mining of ores and resources-including water; every one of these bills disincentivize smart planning efforts for Eastern Oregon cities and towns. Instead of promoting smart growth, they will promote uninhibited sprawl in some of Oregon's most iconic places.

Additionally, Real time solutions to spur economic development in parts of rural Oregon include state investment in transportation and transit infrastructure, value-added production, education and work force training, communications infrastructure, and research and development of new products that take advantage of rural Oregon's assets. Agriculture is the economic engine of much of rural Oregon

I strongly urge a "NO" on every one of these poisonous bills, and a reprimand for the perfidious authors, as these ideas are not healthy for a governing democratic republic such as the great state of Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration,  
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“Love the earth and sun and animals,  
Despise riches, give alms to everyone that asks,  
Stand up for the stupid and crazy,  
Devote your income and labor to others...  
And your very flesh shall be a great poem.”  
— [Walt Whitman](#).