Gentlemen;

There are multiple bills under consideration that I urge you to not advance. While these are oriented towards a worthy goal, economic growth, they will result in perverse effects which will cause irreparable damage to our state:

- 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.
- Agriculture is the economic engine of much of rural Oregon.

There are other, smarter means to create growth without sacrificing our valuable lands.

Thank you,

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