

**From:** mbouvia7797@aol.com  
**To:** [SENR Exhibits](#)  
**Subject:** SB114 and SB258  
**Date:** Friday, March 31, 2017 11:36:46 PM

---

To the Oregon Legislature:

All elected officials in Oregon swore an oath to defend the Oregon Constitution. The Oregon Constitution explicitly prohibits the legislature from "amending" or "repealing" city charters (Article XI, Section 2). But that is exactly what SB1573 did. It effectively gave the legislature precedent to amend or repeal city charters at whim.

SB1573 was deceptively sold to the Legislature as part of a remedy for the affordable housing crisis. Voters have never seen any credible evidence linking voting on annexations to housing costs.

Oregon's highest courts have repeatedly recognized that "popular votes" are a legitimate part of the annexation process (Heritage Enterprises vs Corvallis, Bear Creek Sanctuary vs City of Medford). For these reasons I am asking for the legislature to pass SB114 and SB258, measures that would repeal SB1573. Thank you, Michelle Bouvia-Emeott, registered voter, Lane County