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To the Chair, Sen. Dembrow, Vice Chair, Sen. Olsen, and members of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, Sen. Baertschiger Jr., Sen. Prozanski and Sen. Roblan,

I am Jennifer Snyder, a homeowner in the UGB of Springfield. I have only recently been a resident of this are, having lived most of the last 30 years in rural Southern Lane County. Shortly after moving into the UGB I became aware of the issues of annexation, and have tried to become an informed citizen.

You are a committee tasked with determining our human use of the environment and natural resources. **I urge you to adopt and pass out of committee SB 114 and SB 258** because the issue they address is precisely about how the natural resources that surround a city or town are to be used. Some have said that last year the bill “1573” was passed to address a growing housing crisis.

I am deeply concerned to learn that under “1573” the city can annex my property, and the old-but-cared-for neighborhood in which I live without my vote, my voice or my input, or that of any of my neighbors, at the behest of a big developer. I am deeply concerned that a small town of a few thousand may be forced into annexing a large area of new homes that it may not have the capacity to supply with sewage and water — **what would happen if “1573” has an unintended consequence that small towns become targets of corporations who seek to privatize our natural resources, one town at a time?**

I would rather that the law said that further development of open space shall be a collaborative effort of public servants (like yourselves and other elected officials), neighborhoods and developers and that what is created must enhance and sustain human co-habitation. We must protect and conserve our beautiful Oregon as a community as well as an amazing, healthful environment. Remember, our water is rated as A++.

It has become crucial that we in Oregon pay better attention to how we grow and this issue is talked about a lot lately. Apparently lots of people are moving to Oregon, maybe here to stay or just to buy and sell and move on. I have paid attention to the housing market because I am of the age where deciding whether to downsize or maintain a residence for the next generation to have and hold predominates a lot of my thinking. Many people in my neighborhood are passing on their homes to their next generations who actually stay in the homes.

A housing crisis is not fixed by turning open land into human shelter. It is a crisis of people wanting and needing to live in a place where others currently live. This means that those who live here must be engaged in the process of accommodating those who want to live here. The people themselves know this and adjust, but we are talking about State and local entities and the power they exercise.

In urge you to pass out of committee SB 1114 and SB 258. Thank you for your attention and your work,

Sincerely, Jennifer Snyder