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We've seen a number of developer-led, developer-inspired, developer-benefiting legislative efforts recently. SB10 distinguishes itself only in its brazen scope and the unabashed damage that it seeks to impart to the fabric of the Oregonian community.

There's an oft-cried mantra to these efforts. We need to make room for those coming in.

My question to that is why? Why do existing Oregonians need to sacrifice the quality of their lives, the integrity of their neighborhoods, the efficiency and function of their infrastructure to market forces, many of them out-of-state, that seek to plunder our society, our lives, for short-term financial gains from developers and investors that will demolish, displace, scar, and pave over our greenspaces with the asphalt of so-called progress.

Do the values of community and diversity and ecology not matter to Oregon and to the World? The supporters of SB10, despite whatever they claim, their actions **SAY NO!**

Supporters of SB10 say that saturation is good. It says that we, by our audacity, know better than people living in these areas that density is the solution to affordability. It says, never mind what you have decided for yourselves, we at some higher level, know better. Because saturation, the forced density contrary to any zoning laws, any community input, is needed to accommodate the future needs of those that are pushing it. But it does not accommodate the future needs of those that call these areas home. It does not address the needs for diversity, because it will foster the demolition of the lowest cost homes that with increased density will force those out that have clung to their homes, because it will raise property values to the point that they can no longer afford to live there, priced out by the governments that should be protecting them but which sell themselves to the developer lobbyists and a culture of expectation. It will not promote affordability because market forces will destroy the most affordable homes and replace them with "market rate" multiple units each more expensive than the single affordable single family home that used to be there. It will not promote greenspace, because new regulations that coincidentally, conveniently if you're a developer in my home of Portland, allow building almost to the property line will destroy gardens, trees, anything that gets in the way of profit disguised as progressive progress.

Deny this further assault on our society, our community, our culture.

The real value of Oregon is its people. This bill does not serve Oregonians, it serves greed, it serves the few who seek to profit but who are adept at disguising their influence as mock populists who can only influence the inept and corrupt.

Be ashamed if you support this. You are simply something less than you should be for someone in your position. You are less than we deserve.

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