

Dear Senate Committee on Housing,

Why does Sen. Peter Courtney think it is necessary to issue statewide density mandates as contained in his SB 10 bill? This bill overrides local citizen involvement and local government control (Goal 1) and undermines coordinated and comprehensive planning (Goal 2).

Sen. Courtney has no study or analysis to show what the impacts would be for his proposal and how it will affect Oregonians, cities, and housing affordability. He's proposing forced density up to ½ mile from any bus line. That will impact many Oregon single family neighborhoods, forcing them to become multistory multifamily instead.

Such radical densification has not even been implemented in Portland and Sen. Courtney is somehow ready to force it upon the entire state? I have asked him "Who writes this pro-growth, pro-developer policy material for you?" and "How much do you get from the development industry to issue such broad and drastic reforms with no public mandate what-so-ever?"

I have also asked Sen. Courtney "How about some disclosure on your finances? Have development interest simply bought the Oregon State Legislature, as they have done in California and Washington?"

Instead of wasting your Committee's time on SB 10, how about a bill to offer some campaign finance limits so that our Legislature can start working for the public instead of special interests?

Yours sincerely,

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