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Bottom line, HB 3414 transparently favors developer and investor interests while steam rolling city and county land use planning, citizen input, and local balancing of important priorities best understood by local communities and their elected governments. It is intended to implode the statewide framework for land use planning established in the 1970s and subsequent efforts to shape cities around a coherent series of neighborhood, regional, and town centers.

HB 3414 will only damage Oregon's 50 years of positive efforts to improve the quality of neighborhoods within cities while protecting farm, forest, historic resources and recreational lands around and between cities. It should be dropped from the legislative docket.

We would be pleased to meet with members of the committee to discuss further.
Thank you for considering our testimony.

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