

Comments in opposition to amendment dash- 17 to House Bill 3414:

Oregon's landmark land use laws have protected us from suburban sprawl for almost 50 years.

This amendment would be an epic betrayal of those laws.

We live on a small family farm in Eagle Creek. Due to our location, we have no fear of the expansion of Portland's UGB but we are already being threatened by the City of Estacada, just 3 miles away. They want to site a sewage treatment plant in our neighborhood because they anticipate growth in our direction. We oppose the growth and the placement of their sewage plant in our backyard.

This amendment would greenlight their plans to take over our area of small family farms.

The amendment seems to be motivated by developers under the guise of wanting to build "affordable housing".

That is not what will be built. It's a land grab to build more unaffordable detached single family homes far from the city services.

Affordable housing can be built within existing UGBs with a small amount of innovation and would better serve the communities by having affordable housing close to city services.

We don't want suburban sprawl engulfing our neighborhood.