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To the House Committee on Rules:

I oppose the dash-17 amendment to HB 3414. We don't need more land added to our UGBs. Instead we need a sense of urgency to start constructing public infrastructure and affordable housing on the land that is already inside of our UGBs.

I live in McMinnville, where public officials have complained for decades about a lack of land for housing. They had a UGB expansion approved in 2020 for over 700 acres of residential land and are currently completing another housing needs analysis claiming they need even more land. Yet, they haven't even completed the planning and infrastructure plans to allow contractors to start building on the land that is already inside the UGB.

Supply of land is not the problem here; it is a lack of focus on getting the land that could be built upon ready for construction. Then, of course, there is the need to find funding to build the type of affordable housing needed in the community. The proposed amendment is trying to solve the wrong problem and will inevitably lead to costly sprawl.

Thank you for considering my opinion on this matter.

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