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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB3414

Hello House Committee on Rules,

RE: No to the Dash-17 amendment for HB 3414

Please say no to the Dash-17 amendment for House Bill 3414. Oregon is a national leader with its land use laws preventing urban sprawl and protecting our needed farm and forest lands.

With climate change and increased risk of wildfires, allowing more people to build closer and closer to the boundaries of timberlands increases the difficulty of fighting these wildfires, putting more property and humans in danger. It also increases our insurance rates with this increased risk.

Cities and towns are already challenged with aging infrastructure. In rural areas, there are problems with disposing of septic tank waste. Sewer lines and water lines need updating and repair. Why add to this burden by expanding city boundaries?

It is time for vision and creativity. How might existing properties within cities and towns be re-imagined? Might empty office buildings, or strip malls be transformed into housing? Can there be funding to remodel larger historic homes into apartments?

Remember when riverfronts across this country were prioritized to become pedestrian friendly, community pathways? This re-visioning encouraged visitors to downtown areas to walk, socialize and stay healthy.

Keep Oregon's land use law, goal 14, intact. So no to the Dash-17 amendment to HB 3414