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Dear Senate Committee on Housing and Development,

I am writing to express my opposition to SB 1051. We don't need to move the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) to meet our housing needs. It's time to "build up, not out" and leave our existing reserves and processes intact.

In western Washington County, we are already seeing farmland being gobbled up by housing developments in the area between Roy Rogers Road and Tile Flat Road. It's like death by 1,000 cuts: first the farmland was brought into the UGB, then it was converted to high-end single family homes, and now there's an effort to use eminent domain to take part of Gray Owl Farm for a new road to support all the cars that these new housing developments are supporting. This urban sprawl has to stop. If you feel that we need more housing, please stop approving single family home developments on farmland and start building denser housing within the UGB.

Please vote No on SB 1051.

Sincerely,

Matt Alford