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Senate Committee on Housing and Development
900 Court St. NE,
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: SB1051

Dear members of the Committee on Housing and Development,

I am writing today to ask you to oppose the portions of SB1051 allowing people to develop outside of cities' UGB. This bill is essentially a free pass for smaller cities to expand their UGBs by up to 200 acres for any use – industrial, commercial, or housing – with no affordability requirements, just upon the request of a landowner, without showing need. It sabotages our existing land use laws. It undermines sensible urban planning, threatens farm land, enables sprawl, and will not lead to housing for people with middle and lower incomes.

It will put undue financial pressure to develop infrastructure outside of cities at the City's expense. The UGB and master planning process allows for cities to control the expenses and development of infrastructure within the UGB. This is unfair to the City's taxpayers. Let's focus on planning methods proven to quickly produce more housing that's well-located near schools, stores, transit, and parks – allowing more diverse and affordable housing in every neighborhood, expedited processes for housing development, and funding for infrastructure, all inside UGBs.

Thank you for listening to my concerns,

Dave McKenna