

Submitter: Jim Gilbert

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB1051

Dear Chair Jama and members of the Committee,

Lorraine Gardner and I are writing you in opposition to SB 1051. The bill is unnecessary and sets a bad precedent for the future of Oregon's land use planning program.

Our land use planning program has worked well for 50 years and continues to provide a thoughtful and sensible process for determining the location of Urban Growth Boundaries. Without any proven need, allowing UGB expansion by sidestepping these time-tested processes is simply a way to enrich local land owners.

Oregon's agricultural industry is the second largest economic sector in our state. Our farmers rely on our land use planning program and the processes it provides to determine future planning and investment in their operations. The instability provided by this Bill would threaten the secure future our famers depend on.

Our existing land use planning program provides the resources necessary for sensible and needed UGB expansion. We urge you to oppose this dangerous bill.

Thank you,

Jim Gilbert and Lorraine Gardner
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