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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB1051

Dear Housing and Development Committee Members,

SB 1051 is another in a series of attacks on Oregon's land use laws that supposedly addresses a need for housing. Housing should be constructed within Urban Growth Boundaries until it is clearly demonstrated that the current supply of developable land is dwindling. Cities can expand their UGBs when they no longer have a 20-year supply of land to build on—certainly not a very restrictive requirement.

The current process of UGB expansion works. There is no need to circumvent the law and undermine the land use planning program that has served us well for nearly half a century.

I urge you to oppose SB 1051.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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