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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB1051

I strongly oppose SB 1051. Oregon's communities need more housing for families with incomes below or at the area median. Instead of the urban sprawl that SB 1051 proposes, the focus should be on tools 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. SB 1051 allows premature UGB expansion and undermines cities' urban reserve planning processes. The bill is contrary to the urban reserve provisions in HB 2001, just passed by the House. The current land use process to expand UGBs works quickly; there is no need to bypass the law.