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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB1051

RE: SB 1051

SB 1051 flies directly in the face of our tried and true land use laws that have limited sprawl and protected invaluable (and ever more valuable) farm and forest land for many decades. We have more than enough sprawl as it is and I know of no Oregonians who wish for more (other than those few who stand to profit financially). Urban reserves have been carefully designated by a stakeholder and public process to allow cities to expand if and when there is need. We do need more affordable housing but, by and large, those folks who need affordable housing would benefit greatly by finding housing near places of work where they are not dependent on long, expensive drives to work. This is financially advantageous for workers and climate advantageous toward meeting our carbon reduction goals. Most all cities have adequate room to increase affordable housing within their current UGBs and if they don't there is an existing process to expand those boundaries. Therefore SB 1051 is totally unnecessary so please help it die a quick death so you can get on to more useful bills.

The provision of the bill allowing cities with populations under 3500 to expand with up to 200 acres is for any purpose seems even more ridiculous and a great waste of time.. The existing laws allow those cities to expand too when there is no more room with the current UGB. I can only understand this attempt as a favor to some individuals looking for a quick buck. Please oppose.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Deumling