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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB1051

Dear Senators:

Please do not weaken Oregon's land use laws without proof of actual need. There are no side boards on this legislation to assure that there is a rigorous assessment of whether homes can be built within existing city limits. Such an assessment is critical if we want compact communities where people can get around and where there is a sense of community, not sprawled development that has long been the scourge of many other states. This bill is well intentioned to meet one need, but will create many others (great costs to expand and deliver utilities, more roads, and lack of green spaces). These impacts are real and deserve case by case analysis of whether we can avoid impacts by building within existing properly zoned areas. Thank you.