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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB3414

I understand we are living in a cacophony of advocates. If 20% of this statement is true: "Developers could request an unlimited number of variances and there is no requirement in the legislation that a developer demonstrate any benefit to the community as a result of these variances," you must STOP HB 3414.

Oregonians have kept developers at bay for 50 years. We should celebrate every day that I5 through the valley is not a strip mall. That's because people like you made a good plan. Two more generations of legislators continue to keep the plan in place. As our indigenous neighbors have taught us, once you sell your land rights, you cannot get them back for hundreds of years if ever.

Please just say no every time a lobbyist tries to talk you into giving up farmland no matter the temptations. Also consider climate change, Oregon may be one of the few places in the west that can sustain agriculture.

Sincerely,

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