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We know that the need for more housing is a statewide problem. But so is the need for the infrastructure to support new housing. So many medium-and small-sized Oregon cities do not have the resources to upgrade and construct the infrastructure to support often critical housing challenges for their residents. Conversely, even larger cities, like Bend, have priced the folks that keep the city going—service workers, teachers, small business owners--out of their local housing market.

I applaud the resource allocation in SB1537, but I oppose leaping over cities' current UGBs to build new housing, most of which will not be affordable (although the 30% figure is a good start). Oftentimes, the real need is for affordable rentals within the city limits, where all the services are located.

Please consider opposing the unilateral UGB expansion provision in SB1537.

Thank you,
Margaret Collins