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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB1537

I must oppose SB 1537 until the unnecessary UGB expansion loopholes are eliminated because this provision disregards Oregon's land use laws. I support infrastructure funding that prioritizes truly affordable housing within existing urban growth boundaries--where people already have community ties, jobs, and resources, and where people won't need a car to survive. Two-thirds of Oregonians who need housing have moderate and low incomes. We need to prioritize these demographics and create truly affordable housing, especially for those earning low incomes. Most of this bill is excellent. It needs just one important change: Remove the provision for UGB expansions that sidestep the law.