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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB1537

As a Jackson County citizen who has tried to keep Oregon's land-use laws safe from the relentless attack by those who think the land-use laws hinder or prohibit business, I am writing today to urge you to leave out the Urban Growth Boundary language in this bill. I voted for my two Democratic Party representatives and for Democrat Tina Kotek for Governor so that they would SUPPORT Oregon's legacy of progressive land-use, not to watch them tear it apart. I have heard the argument in the last few days that this UGB cut is the good kind of UGB cut, not the bad kind. That argument has no merit, in my opinion, it's just throwing some political red meat to business/conservative folks who would love to see our land-use laws weakened. Since I personally witnessed here in Jackson County the outright animosity many have to Oregon's land-use laws, if you give in on this UGB thing now, the slippery slope opens up and the erosion of Oregon's land-use laws will have their defining moment. Of course we all know we need housing support finding new solutions, but you don't have to tear down the barn to build a new pump house. Please modify or remove the UGB language from this bill. I hope Representative Marsh and Senator Golden will read my remarks for their review. If the language is left in and this becomes law, it will disappoint my expectations of my Democratic Party and those we have elected to represent us.