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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3031

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and Committee Members,

Greetings from Central Oregon!

I am writing today to ask that you to support HB 3031.

Nearly every city in Oregon – large and small – has land the community has already decided is good for housing, yet more homes have not been built there because extensions or upgrades of water and sewer lines, local roads, and sidewalks are expensive and there isn't sufficient funding. The resources and timeline for revising city code is also lacking, making perfectly usable land inside the UGB virtually undevelopable (for housing).

Decades ago, this infrastructure was commonly funded by federal, state, and local funding sources, but those have significantly dwindled. This long-term underinvestment has negatively impacted building the housing Oregonians need.

Housing advocates, builders, cities, and organizations that I support all agree that investing in these lands and code revisions is one of the most important steps the state can take now to ****unlock parcels within our cities**** to quickly produce the housing we need, where we need it to be, including places located closer to schools, parks, and stores.

With many priorities before us, I hope you will quickly pass HB 3031. Please write, vote for, and fund policies and projects that enable housing development where it should be - inside an Urban Growth Boundary!

Thank you for your consideration! I appreciated this opportunity to weigh in.

Just say "NO!" to sprawl!

Kind regards,

Ashley