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To Whom It May Concern:

For decades, Oregon's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) rules have made it difficult for cities to expand — even during a housing shortage. In 2024, SB 1537 aimed to speed expansion, but only if 30% of new homes were deed-restricted as affordable housing. The rules were so rigid that many cities couldn't qualify.

HB 4035 fixes that problem. It keeps the affordability commitment while making the program workable — so more communities can actually move forward with housing solutions.

Sincerely,

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