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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3928

As a senior and long time Oregonian, I am vehemently opposed to HB 3928, which would allow counties to designate an unlimited amount of rural land, outside UGBs, for sprawling residential development. The negative consequences that would result from HB 3928 are numerous. I care about all of the negative consequences (including degradation of wildlife habitat and increased wildfire risk, and all the issues attendant to that including air quality, cost of insurance, etc, as well as preserving rural livelihoods and productive local agricultural economies) but my primary reason for opposing HB 3928 is that our land use laws have been somewhat successful in preventing communities like Bend from becoming "Los Angeles Lite," plagued by urban sprawl. I am deeply concerned about the currently apparent and worsening affects of climate change fueled by carbon emissions.

A core tenet of Oregon's visionary land use planning system is to concentrate growth within urban growth boundaries--a key value already compromised as is apparent in Bend and other urban areas. We must accommodate population growth in compact urban land use patterns, thereby reducing vehicle miles traveled and associated greenhouse gas emissions. I implore you to vote NO on HB 3928. Thank you!