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I am heartily opposed to expanding the urban growth boundaries of Oregon's cities and towns. Oregon has been discovered, and the population grows by leaps and bounds. This pressure will continue to grow. It will never be less. It is my hope and dream than we can keep Oregon beautiful and sane, with the ability to be productive in the future, not carpeted over forever with urban development. It is imperative that we use whatever land is available within the urban boundaries, before we would even think about expanding. Let's build infrastructure in the cities and towns, and use good sense in designing our housing and tech spaces within the designated boundaries. Oregon's land use laws were made for good reason, and have stood for 50 years. Let's not abandon them. We will need them even more in the future, especially as farm and forest lands diminish in other places. People will always need the products of nature, and we will be incredibly glad, 100 years, 500 years from now, that the citizens of this generation had enough vision and forethought to hang on to our precious legacy.