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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2316
To: Chair Pam Marsh, Vice-Chairs Anderson and Breese-Iverson and members of the House committee on Housing and Homelessness.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 2316 which would allow the development of public land owned by several state agencies with single family dwellings that are outside of urban growth boundaries. The cost of the infrastructure needed to develop such lands would be entirely on the state which is already stretched very thin financially, due in part to climate induced disasters. More rural housing means more driving (more VMTs) to get to jobs, necessities and social activities just when the ever-increasing threat of climate change means we need to drive less. Furthermore this proposal flies in the face of our 50 year old land use laws which have, to some extent at least, protected our farm and forest land and natural spaces which contribute greatly to our economy as well as to making Oregon the state we love and want to leave as intact and beautiful and abundant as possible for future generations. I urge you to encourage affordable housing in walkable urban neighborhoods and to oppose this foolish bill, HB 2316.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
Sarah Deumling