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We do not need extra land for development. Anyone driving around Oregon's cities can plainly see that there is a lot of land that needs to be developed--where there are already services installed, road infrastructure and nearby transit. Rich developers who care only about themselves, of course, would prefer to build on virgin farmland.

However, Oregon holds and safeguards some of the deepest and most fertile agricultural land \*in the world\* and it is our duty to preserve it from profiteers. This is not only an environmental issue: it is an issue of multi-generational farm family livelihoods, food security for us and everyone we currently feed, and climate resiliency for our Oregon.

I'm tired of seeing these bills being introduced, over and over, by the rich trying to get richer by lying about the purposes of these measures. This isn't about housing, it's not about the poor. We all know very well this is yet another play for more money. BUILD HOUSING INSIDE URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARIES. It's that simple.