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Chairman Marsh, Vice-Chairman Anderson, members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony. I strongly urge you to oppose HB3921.

I am a resident on Charter Oaks Drive and would be directly affected by this bill. The most favorable decisions about growth include citizen involvement. If this process for changing UGB is broken, then as a legislature you should fix and not override the process. Currently, the Roseburg UGB swap is in the hands of the Department of Land Conservation and Development. This body should be an unbiased party that would make sure the proposal follows the right process. If the UGB unilaterally modify against the will of the Charter Oaks residents, our way of life will be forever changed. Everyone and not just a few who stand to profit at our expense. Many of us who live here paid a premium price to live in this beautiful rural area. When the city first announced this development proposal we were told that the purpose would be to solve a crisis of affordable housing in Central Douglas County. However, the potential developers will be free to build whatever kind of housing they desire. Typically, this has lead not to affordable housing but expensive housing, but that is not our greatest concern. Our greatest concern would be the urbanization of our surroundings due to the construction of hundreds of homes, increase traffic, future annexation of our private property, increased taxes, the unbearable expense of connecting to city sewer, and other objectionable changes. These reasons we employ you to put a stop to the development of our beautiful neighborhood or at the very least, let the current process run its course.

Respectively,
Alan Ward