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Measure: SB1537

While most of this Bill is what Oregon needs, it unfortunately would undermine Oregon's long held sustainable land use policy -- by eroding our vital standards for smart urban growth policy.

So, please amend SB 1537 to avoid unnecessary UGB expansion loopholes that push already-marginalized people farther from their communities & resources.

And also keep or strengthen the parts of SB 1537 that support:

- * infrastructure funding to prioritize affordable housing within existing urban growth boundaries;
- * climate-smart incentives;
- * the Housing Accountability & Production Office;
- * building in livable, walkable neighborhoods.

Thank you for considering my written testimony.

Sincerely,

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