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Re: Testimony in Opposition to SB 375

Chair Beyer and Members of the Committee:

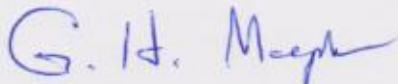
The following testimony is provided for the public hearing on Senate Bill 375 set for the Committee's meeting of March 9, 2021.

As a member of the Oregon House of Representatives in the 2007 session I served as co-chair of the joint Senate and House committee that crafted legislation that was referred to the people as Ballot Measure 49. The measure was passed by a wide margin the fall of that year. Later I served on the Land Conservation and Development Commission, including as chair of the Commission from 2014 to 2017. On LCDC I oversaw the implementation of Ballot Measure 49.

In my experience in the House and on LCDC I was immersed in the details of Measure 49. As a result I strongly support the proper implementation of the measure to assure that property owners who opted for the development opportunity afforded by it actually get what was promised. SB 375 is not necessary to accomplish that. Some might argue that passing an unnecessary bill does no harm. I strongly disagree. Measure 49 was a complex piece of legislation. If SB 375 were passed it would further complicate the understanding of what the measure does and does not do.

Therefore, I urge the Committee not to move SB 375 forward through the legislative process.

Sincerely,



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