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Hello Chair and Committee Members

HB 2316 and it's Dash 1 amendment are misguided, misplaced and upend Oregon's marvelous LAND USE strategy.

They defy what we know are needed for housing.

Placing housing outside of UGB's does not help reduce the cost of infrastructure, nor provide services for those housed.

What exactly is it you are trying to achieve?

The city of Bend recently scrubbed building affordable housing in 2 locations after approving them. Yep that new Costco on the north end of Bend was approved based on having a large affordable housing component right next to shopping and jobs. But the housing developer backed out and the city allowed this to occur.

The city of Sisters recently prioritized high end home ownership homes instead of what was required of the development which was to build the affordable housing first.

In both cases, argument was made that it was too expensive to provide the oversight services needed for transitional housing.

Really?, so now it's OK to plonk housing outside UGB's?

Clearly 'affordable housing' is being uses as a BUZZ word.

If you're truly interested in getting more affordable housing built, start with these facts  
Rental Deed Restricted Affordable Housing is what is missing in Oregon  
Those who are rent burdened don't BUY a house, they RENT first.  
And in our housing market, to keep rents from being RENT BURDENED, RENTALS need to be DEED RESTRICTED.

Remember back at that first place you RENTED before you PURCHASED your home. If you don't; then you clearly don't understand what Cost Burdened housing means...

In Central Oregon, we have a completely BOGUS bus system. Here at 3:30 pm the public Cascade East Bus stops running it's City of Bend's routes. (so the bus that's here doesn't even provide service to workers here; Not so great for that housekeeping or restaurant team you rely on when you come visit Central Oregon on Saturdays. The bus doesn't even run on Sundays - so how does this work for

housekeeping that cleans your VRBO or hotel room after you checkout on Sunday?

Here in Central Oregon the engine that overseas the bus says it can't hire enough CDL drivers to provide a longer bus service... (Maybe COIC should start paying the going CDL wage?)

NOW EXACTLY HOW WILL ANY PUBLIC BUS GET TO RURAL LANDS where you want to place housing OUTSIDE UGB's ?

Today infrastructure is being Go-Bond funded by citizens to try to catch up on it's needs just to get UGB's needs met.

HB 2316 with it's -1 are an embarrassment. TABLE THIS INAPPROPRIATE BILL

As a recreationer, I will strongly defend the lands owned by ODOT, ODFW, State Parks, DSL, OWRD and others for their Fish & WILDLIFE habitats and park and OPEN SPACE resources that they provide. Central Oregon is know for it's outdoor recreation, and did you know that DESCHUTES County does NOT HAVE IT"S OWN PARK OR RECREATION DEPARTMENT?

When you hear of Deschutes County and all it's advertising for RECREATION, be mindful this is NOT happening on COUNTY parklands. So it's unconscionable that your committee in this short legislative session would consider trading away these OREGON public assets outside of our UGB's for housing. Deschutes County NEEDS to protect the DSL and OPRD and OWRD and DSL lands that exist here for our existing public, in addition to all of you who come to VISIT here.

There is no infrastructure and no pubic services or even public transit that serves these rural areas in Central Oregon.

If you believe it to be: then please tell me the last time you took a bus to arrive in Central Oregon?

Did I mention water? Oh, so you want to drill a bunch more wells outside UGB's in our Deschutes Basin? You DO KNOW that the DESCHUTES Aquifer is dropping ! Housing in rural areas uses much more water than housing inside UGB's...

Please steward our lands and water resources.

Put this bill on the BACK BURNER; your time is better spent on a more sensible housing bill.

Thank you  
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