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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2139
Subject: Opposition to HB 2316 – Protect Public Lands from Unnecessary Development

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Andersen, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson, and Members of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding HB 2316. I strongly oppose this bill, which would allow sprawling development on public lands and require the state to fund expensive infrastructure projects outside of Urban Growth Boundaries (UGBs).

HB 2316 disregards Oregon's land use policies by prioritizing development on public lands that lack existing infrastructure. This approach is inefficient and costly, burdening the state with unnecessary expenses while threatening valuable natural and recreational areas. Rather than expanding development into sensitive landscapes, Oregon should prioritize surplus public lands within UGBs, where infrastructure already exists and where housing can be integrated into existing communities.

This bill is an irresponsible approach to housing policy. I urge the committee to reject HB 2316 and instead support solutions that focus on sustainable development within our cities and towns.

Sincerely,
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