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Goal 14 and UGBs are not the reason Oregon has a housing shortage – we know this because there is plenty of land with potential already available within our UGBs. Expanding the UGB would destroy local farms for no good reason.

We have underused land inside our UGBs that should be converted to housing. For example, currently, we have more parking spaces for cars than we have housing for people, yet we have vast areas of underused parking lots and strip malls. We must make it easy to convert those to housing.

Making it easier to expand outward beyond the UGB makes it harder to address climate change and to reduce fire risk. Paving over more lands, adding more roads, and expanding into the wildland-urban interface will only increase these problems.