

I am the matriarch of a family forestland owning family in rural Polk County and a believer in the fact that our Oregon land use laws have contributed substantially in making and keeping Oregon the place we all love. SB 16 flies in the face of those laws without any convincing reason.

The towns in the border region of Oregon have more than adequate Urban Growth Boundaries to accommodate the 200 homes envisioned in SB 16.

Urban development generates more long term net revenue for counties than rural residences . See "Better not Bigger" by Eben Fodor (New Society Publishers 1999) for a clear and convincing explanation.

My own personal experience tells me that expensive non-farm homes do not mix well with working rural landscapes for reasons you have all heard many times.

Finally and most importantly, climate change is the most serious issue facing us all - urban and rural. Every new home built outside of town is adding to our collective fossil fuel consumption instead of reducing it which is so urgently needed to get a handle on all the negative climate impacts that are making our lives less pleasant each year.

As you all well know, SB 16 is the camel's nose under the tent. I urge you to respect Oregon's land use laws, Oregon agriculture and the quality of life of future generations in Oregon and do not pass SB 16.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Sarah Deumling