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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: HB3414

Good Day:

I oppose this bill as it clearly demonstrates the continued and thoughtless erosion of open spaces under the guise of constructive and gainful population accommodation. I reiterate, "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. Overriding Goal 14, however, would encourage cities to spread outward with largely unaffordable housing."

Fundamentally, Oregon doesn't have the infrastructure resources to support this idyllic expansion, there are challenges for sewage, garbage (domestic and commercial), domestic water purity as well as poorly funded/managed towns, especially in Eastern Oregon, as well as the tremendous pressures generated by tourism on local resources.

Additionally, and arguably I reiterate, "The dash-17 amendment allows local governments to once again avoid rezoning land inside UGBs – the politically more difficult, but necessary, action – to allow more housing and to remove unnecessary local barriers to development. With 70 percent of all housing and all residential lands zoned for detached single-family housing – the most expensive and land-consuming type of housing – we can and must build better inside our UGBs, by allowing even more housing types and more affordable housing."

Oregonians deserve better, we are not the Sacketts. Oregonians love and need clean air, water, land - and politics