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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB4026

Dear State Legislators:

Thank you for considering my testimony in support of codifying clarifying language regarding the state-required UGB expansion process in Oregon.

The passage of this clarifying language to existing law will help ensure the future life that my family and I wish for as residents of North Plains. We fear that individuals from outside the city will take away what our town is and can yet become.

I have lived in the city of North Plains for over eight years. We live in the heart of the town, and we have been excited to see and benefit from the vital improvements to our town during that period. These include new dining options, new businesses, and new sidewalks and paths we use almost daily.

We are even more excited about the future state of our town provided by the upcoming UGB expansion. This is an effort the town and residents have been working on diligently for the past several years, and we have personally taken advantage of the opportunities the city offered to engage in this process.

We have kept ourselves informed and engaged because of our hopes for our town. We live very close to downtown North Plains, and we would love to see the downtown area continue to thrive and be revitalized. We know the UGB expansion will help with this as we attract more visitors and residents to support these local businesses.

We would love to see a grocery store come to town, yet we know that is impossible without the UGB expansion. We are well aware that a grocery store won't come here if they see us as a town that is closed to growth and against supporting new businesses.

We would also love to have expanded library services, public safety services, and parks and recreational opportunities in our town. We know none of that is possible if we are unable to continue to invite new residents and businesses into our town.

Please take away the risk to our hopes for us residents of North Plains by passing this amendment and clarifying the existing law (not changing that law).

Thank you.

Lisa Fry
North Plains Resident