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On Behalf Of: Oregonians
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development
Measure: SB1537

I urge the Oregon Senate Committee on Housing to amend SB 1537 to remove the provision that bypasses Oregon's land use laws to allow large expansions of the urban growth boundary. SB 1537 is very good legislation except for the aforementioned provision. In fact, allowing the provision renders the bill less effective in its goal to provide affordable housing opportunities to those that need it most. There is more than adequate land available within urban growth boundaries for the creation of affordable housing. SB 1537 should promote use of this existing land that does not require expensive expansion of infrastructure and services. I would love to support SB 1537, but can do so only if the provision allowing an unnecessary expansion of UGBs is removed. Thank you.