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Maintenance of the urban growth boundary is critical to the ecological and economic health of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. The loss of this boundary is disproportionately more damaging than any potential gain from individual housing units or complexes. This will also contribute to urban sprawl and lack of community that has plagued all areas where geographic growth has not been managed well. There is ecologic diversity at border ecosystems that is significantly different than other protected areas. With current climate change including drought and wildfire risks, Oregon needs strict protection of its natural resources, the very thing many cite as a draw to this wonderful area. What is the point of defining an urban growth boundary if it will not be respected?