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OREGON STATE SENATE

3/02/2026  
RE: House Bill 4035B

Secretary Rutledge,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a vote explanation on HB 4035B.

I don't oppose the goal of this legislation. We have a housing crisis in Oregon, and I understand why cities want access to these tools. My concern is the principle.

Expedited UGB expansions, whether for housing or any other purpose, should be part of a broader, comprehensive land use conversation. This conversation came to me directly when I was working on legislation of my own. My constituents told me, clearly and directly, that piecemeal expansions outside of the established process should not be the norm.

I heard from Christmas tree farmers and hazelnut growers in my district that expanded UGB decisions give them the greatest level of concern due to the long-term planning that must go into the types of agriculture they work with. Expedited UGB process gives them too much uncertainty. I heard their concern loud and clear.

I look forward to a fuller conversation about land use that includes all the stakeholders who deserve to have a voice in how Oregon grows.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janeen Sollman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Senator Janeen Sollman  
Senate District 15