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Heather Richards, Planning Director
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Dear Ms. Richards:

I attended one of the on-line information meetings regarding the current urban growth boundary efforts. Below are my comments regarding these efforts.

McMinnville has no new industry, yet the city is building hundreds of new housing units. Where are these people working? The logical conclusion is they are commuters to the Salem and Portland metropolitan areas. I do not support becoming a bedroom community for these cities. This influx of people will permanently alter McMinnville's small town lifestyle.

In addition, the current housing development status quo of large tracts of cookie cutter two—story houses does nothing to provide charm to any neighborhood or city. A total lack of variety in style and size is inappropriate in our charming town.

One of the arguments you made during the information session is the need for affordable housing. Unless the local laws and codes are changed to guarantee low-income housing as a part of any city expansion, the gentrification of McMinnville will continue.

The expansion of the urban growth boundary is all about money. It should be about quality of community.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Mayor Scott Hill