

I am writing to voice my opposition to HB2001.

Let city planners do their jobs, please.

This bill does address the housing crisis. It will not result in an increase in affordable housing stock. There is nothing in the bill to prevent existing affordable housing from being demolished to make way for more expensive rental properties. This bill will benefit ONLY developers and speculators at the expense of low- and middle income families, and those who are trying to buy a home as a way to build wealth.

Further, there are no protections in place for permeable ground or green spaces on private property. There are no offsets for, nor any provisions to reduce the carbon cost of new construction, or the loss of embodied energy with the demolition of existing structures — to say nothing of the loss of character and diminished quality of life in the neighborhoods where existing housing is demolished in service of higher density and higher rents.

This is bad bill that will pump money out of local economies and will take money from those least able to spare it. It will limit the opportunities of least advantaged members of our communities. It will cost all of us more than we can afford, as our cities become hotter, and rivers rise, because we have paved over yards and gardens to build more *Air B and B* rental units.

Thank you fro the opportunity to comment,

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