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As an unintended consequence of HB 2225 our retirement will disappear.

I'm Billie Thomas, a homemaker. Because my husband, John, a Native American man with one arm and one eye, spent his life working in a low paying saw mill, we were able to build our own home on part of 40 acres sold to us by a friend.

John became completely disabled at 62 and had to take retirement.

Using the template method, which by design prevents building in undeveloped areas, we qualified for a conditional use permit and septic approval on one of 4 remaining parcels that make up the 40 acres, and have it on the market. That process took all our savings.

If HB2225 is voted in, our discrete parcels are rendered unbuildable and virtually worthless, wiping out our investment; destroying our future, and anything we could leave our children. It would leave us with an untenable mortgage - 2/3 of our only income: John's SS/Disability -which equals bankruptcy.

Please help us! We are not violating any functional or real-world, genuine environmental values. We have followed the laws only to have them change mid course. We are only trying to enact our plan to live.

Thank you, most humbly,

Billie and John Thomas

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