

February 3, 2021

To: House Committee on Housing  
From: Marion County Democratic Central Committee Legislative Committee  
Re: "No" on HB 2655

Dear Chair Fahey and members of the Committee,

I hope you will not vote in favor of HB 2655. This bill makes massive changes to our land use planning system. It could double the current population of rural residential areas. It does not take into account land use issues experienced by individual counties.

I live in a rural area because I have horses. I cannot keep my horses in an urban area. This bill would allow more housing in rural areas for no good reason. We must preserve our rural areas for needs that can be met only in rural areas.

Also, HB 2655 has too many negative ramifications. Among the issues that are not even mentioned in this bill:

1. Needed infrastructure
2. Water availability
3. Housing density in rural communities
4. Urbanization of rural areas
5. Conflicts with nearby farmers
6. Roads, traffic, parking, etc.
7. Sewer/Septic
8. Increased need for cars to get to town
9. Mail delivery
10. Need to build more schools

I hate to say, but this bill looks like it was written by a lobbyist who wants more houses built—California style. No thank you!

I urge a "No" vote on HB 2655.

Sincerely,

Aileen Kaye