

HB 2665 is the definition of sprawl and would undo decades of careful land use work meant to protect our rural farm and forest land and natural areas. It will increase rural traffic and therefore road maintenance costs. It will put excessive demands on diminishing water supplies in many areas as most of these potential residences would not have access to municipal sewer and water. Unplanned growth in rural areas will be far more costly than carefully planned growth in already connected urban areas. One acre lots are of practically no agricultural use whereas on two, five or 10 acre sites real contributions to the local food supply are easily possible. Finally as climate change becomes even more real to all of us such development as that allowed by HB 2655 would increase GHG emissions from driving (to most everything) from those rural sites and enable the construction of more homes in outlying, fire-risk areas.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sarah Deumling