

Hon. Members of the Housing Committee:

I would like to add my voice of opposition to the debate on HB 4118. The bill is another attempt to side step and weaken existing land use law without the inconvenience of actually repealing it. It is also full of impractical and untested mechanisms that invite failure.

I am also opposed to amendment 1 as currently written. The language of the bill that would result from this amendment excludes many proponents of our existing system of land use planning and is so broad that detailed examination of any one of the areas addressed will be impractical. I would support an examination of whether the requirement for a 20 year supply of land within each urban growth boundary is being observed and to what extent that land is actually usable for development. If we are not allowing development of land within our existing UGBs that needs to be fixed before we go turning the state into suburbia.

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