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On Behalf Of:
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I am writing to express my opposition to the -17 amendment proposed for HB 3414, that would expand urban growth boundaries (UGBs) when it is unnecessary. Cities can and should up-zone within their UGBs to address the housing crisis, but expanding outward doesn't address the housing crisis. We just get longer commutes, higher household transportation costs more traffic and more expensive infrastructure. Growing out is also a losing proposition for municipal budgets as low density development produces less tax revenue than is required to deliver infrastructure and services. Please strike down the -17 amendments and get our state on track to real solutions to the housing crisis, not gifts to sprawl developers.

Thank you for your consideration,
-Chris Rall