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On Behalf Of: my neighborhood

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure: HB2659

I urge the legislature to take the time necessary to ensure that sweeping plans to advantage climate goals in housing do not ruin neighborhoods. Eliminating parking requirements for multifamily and infill housing - especially in my neighborhood - would be disasterous. Already we have no sidewalks, no bike lanes, many unpaved sidestreets and generally dangerous conditions for walking for any purpose. In our neighborhood, there is no place for street parking ANYWHERE, much less the vehicles that might attend a multifamily dwelling.

In my view, eliminating parking requirements for infill housing is the single most wrongheaded action that government has taken or could take in this admittedly crucial fight against climate change.