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On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: HB2659

Dear Chair Helm and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my opposition to HB 2659, which would derail the climate-friendly area designations, reimpose parking mandates, and affect cities long term transportation planning goals. This bill does not make climate sense, and it does not support state housing goals delineated in the statewide housing plan and in Governor Kotek's recent executive order on housing. Scrapping the entire climate package created under former Governor Brown is not the answer: The policy infrastructure is in place, and cities can make administrative changes to comply with these rules without repealing the entire package. Additionally, HB 2659 would prevent tens of thousands of potential homes around the state, especially lower-cost ones and homes near transit, due to the added cost of reimposed parking mandates.

I join many other concerned climate and housing advocates across the state in my opposition to this bill.