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Hon. Committee Members:

HB 1537 is a solution in search of a problem. We have adequate land inside urban growth boundaries to address the lack of affordable housing. We also have a deliberative process to bring in more land if the public interest demands it. The problem is lack of infrastructure, excessive regulation and slow permitting. Breaking the land use planning system will have little to no effect on affordable housing availability but a very real negative effect on city livability and climate change. Instead of passing more government, more studies and fewer farms, please consider passing HB 4134, an intelligent bill that addresses the real problem with a minimum of additional bureaucracy. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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