

Submitter: Andrea DAmico
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure: HB4026

Good day Chair and committee,

My Name is Andrea D'Amico and I am writing to regarding HB4026A. The citizens of North Plains joined together in a petition to be able to protect their property and livelihood. The petition allowed the citizens to be able to vote in May on the expansion of the UGB. Then very undemocratically this provision was amended into a different bill. Are the public not allowed to vote any longer our voices and concerns do not count. How can we believe in our government, when we follow the rules and laws only to have them change them on us. It is my understanding that this is unconstitutional the bill would take away the right to call a referendum, and the state can only do that thru a constitutional amendment not a statue, unless that has now changed also.

I would be extremely curious what is the driving force to make this change, it is that people care and want to defend their property?

I understand there is a housing shortage, but the government only looks at large parcels of land to develop, no one want to deal with existing land in the UGB only the easy way out, why has not incentive been made for developers to use infill lots or small houses on ½ acre parcels. Instead, the government wants to change the land use laws to build as they see fit. They are not living in the farm land watching it be destroyed.

Please vote against HB4026A and show that we still have a right to vote—

Andrea D'Amico

North Plains property owner