

Dear Chair Bowman and members of the committee,

I am writing in opposition to HB3499. As we move into difficult economic times, it becomes increasingly important for government entities to have flexibility to build housing, attract investment and revitalize underdeveloped areas. The process of voting on urban renewal plans and amendments decreases the power of those we elected to respond in timely and economic ways to the needs of our communities and turns thoughtful decision making into costly battles.

Thank you for your service,

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