

Honorable Senator:

I ask you to oppose HB 3212. This bill would require that a city, county, or state law that addresses farming practices be declared a "land use regulation" and require local governments to either pay "compensation" for a landowner's claimed reduction in their property value or waive the law entirely.

While I appreciate the need to protect personal property rights, this bill would be a dangerous over-reach of such protections. Sometimes landowners are using farming practices that harm their neighbors or the community at large. That is why we pass laws to protect them. It is unreasonable to give landowners a blanket protection of either being compensated financially or to continue farming practices that are causing harm. Landowners need to be responsible for their actions and accountable to the law. We cannot let the bottom-line of land values be the barometer for assessing how we conduct our affairs.

Again, I urge you to oppose HB 3212.

Sincerely,

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