

Hello,

I strongly urge you to vote against HB2001.

1. HB2001 is nothing more than a state takeover of local neighborhoods to benefit developers. Its passage will mark the end of livable neighborhoods.
2. It will eliminate single family house neighborhoods, even though this is the preferred type of long term housing for families.
3. It will result in more demolitions, higher prices for rentals, and further barriers to financial security for millennials and others. The prices for rentals are already too high for people who seek a secure financial future. Who can save money for the future when the price for rent sucks a paycheck dry? It will also create barriers for stable housing for seniors and others on fixed incomes.
4. This Bill is another attempt to kill the middle class, by making people pay a disproportionate part of their paychecks to rent. It squashes the dream of home ownership for all but a few. Home ownership is one of the only ways a middle class person can get ahead. This bill will help promote a wealthy class of landlords and developers and create a new poor class of people just trying to find safe shelter and make ends meet.
5. HB2001 will create more crowding, more noise, more traffic congestion, and more pressure on existing infrastructure. Should not there a limit on how much development is enough?

Please, do the right thing and kill HB2001.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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