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Chair Edwards and Members of the Committee:

I strongly oppose Senate Bill 25 and urge you to not support it.

Senate Bill 25 is based on false assumptions, fails to address the issues it purports to correct, and will instead have a detrimental effect on those very issues.

Compliance with statewide land use planning goals provides rational, efficient, coordinated, development. It is a positive force for managing growth in a manner that takes into account the need for infrastructure services such as water, sewer, and transportation, helping to provide them effectively and at minimum cost. It is a positive inducement for attracting growth. The land use system provides for growth. It does not oppose or hinder it.

The land use planning goals have not caused stagnation or decline in population. Rather, they protect the agricultural and forest resources which provide the jobs and economic base in rural counties. Development which degrades those resources will only cause further distress.

Senate Bill 25 is misleading and harmful. Again, I urge you to not support it.

Sincerely,

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