

Dear Legislator:

I'm requesting that you abandon any further efforts on SB 716. Here's why:

1. There appears to be a significant supply of building lands in Washington County, judging by the number of large lots available as indicated by For Sale signs.
- 2.. Conversion of the lands identified in this bill belong in a public forum in which citizens have a chance to weigh in on the regional transformation actions implicit in this bill.
3. There has been no comprehensive study published that identifies the match between market demand and available supply for the large area identified in the bill.
4. Action by the legislature further continues the extremely poor Civic Engagement practice exhibited in HB 4078 and has the pernicious effect of fostering hegemony on the part of the local jurisdictions.

Again, I urge you to reject SB 716

Respectfully

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