

Chair Gelser and Members of the Committee:

I strongly disagree with SB1575 and urge you to not support it.

SB1575 wastes productive resource land which will be of increasing importance as populations grow and demand for food and fiber increases. Taken together, the provisions of the bill add up to giving cities carte blanche to expand into farm and forest land without restraint and without regard for existing state laws designed to provide orderly and efficient growth.

SB1575 claims to provide for affordable housing but ignores the substantial costs of extending water, sewer and transportation facilities to ever more distant and decentralized sites.

SB1575 is flawed and does not live up to its claims. It should not be supported.

Sincerely,

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