

Senator Sara Geisler and members of the Human Services & Early Childhood Committee:

The purpose to this email is to register our concerns about Senate Bill 1575, the effects of which would be to allow circumvention of established processes designed to protect farmland and open spaces in our metro area. While on the surface, the bill purports to ensure that there is more land available for affordable housing, it also allows for the expansion of the Urban Growth Boundary without following otherwise required procedures. It further appears to avoid the issue of infrastructure costs to cities and, to developers, and thus to potential buyers, all of which will make affordable housing less affordable.

Please resist this effort, intended or unintended, to damage our land use planning system.

Respectfully,

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