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I am writing to express concerns about HB 4079, which would allow two cities to expand their urban growth boundaries by 50 acres if a percentage of the land is set aside for affordable housing, while the rest is allowed to be developed for market rate housing. The UGB expansion would not have to follow the "priority of lands" statute, but instead could go onto farm and forest land first. As with SB 1575, HB 4079 appears to address affordable housing needs, but due to the expense and impracticality of building on the edge of metropolitan areas, will likely not result in any affordable housing being built. I worry it will instead be a distraction from meaningful action on affordable housing, while opening up farm land to private development. For these reasons, I urge you to oppose it.

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