

February 13, 2016

Dear Senate Committee on Rules:

Please remove Section 2(2) from Senate Bill 1573 or vote no on Senate Bill 1573. Section 2(2) of this bill appears to read that Landowner-A, who wants to be annexed into the city, can force Landowner-B to annex if Landowner-A needs Landowner-B to annex in order to get access to infrastructure or services. No landowner should have his/her property forced to be annexed into a city. Landowners should only be annexed if he/she wants to be annexed.

Please also remove Section 2(3) from Senate Bill 1573. A public hearing should be held by a legislative body if a landowner wants to be annexed into the city. Skipping a public hearing removes the public right of free speech to their elected officials on whether they support or oppose annexation of land into the city.

I carbon copied my Representative Susan McLain and Senator Chuck Riley in hopes they will also push for the removal of Section 2 (2)&(3) or vote no on this bill.

Sincerely,

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