To whom it may concern:

I am writing with regards to Senate Bills 114 and 258. As I understand these bills, these will work towards repealing SB1573, which has taken the "Home Rule" away from our City Charter, and placed it in the hands of the State Legislature.

As a City Councilor for the city of Sherwood, I am requesting that these bills be passed, and that the power for cities to make decisions on their own behalf is restored.

Decisions made in Salem do not always take into consideration the wishes and best interests of citizens outside of Salem. Senate Bill 1573 runs directly counter to the interests of Sherwood citizens, who have voted three times to deny annexation of the Brookman Road area.

As a representative of the people of Sherwood, it is my duty to fight for their interests.

Please consider returning the power of Home Rule back to the cities. Please consider the passage of SB 114 and SB 258.

Thank you for your consideration,

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