

Dear Chair Clem and Committee Members,

Please do not pass these bills. Here is why I urge this:

There are few or no requirements that the accessory structures provide actual affordable housing. They could end up being just another home on a rural lot that owners charge a lot of rent for.

Even if the purpose was to provide relatives of the owner affordable housing, once the owner tries to sell the two homes, they may find others seeking a country living experience who do not want another home so close, making the homes hard to see and less valuable. Or, the new owners may make what was once possibly affordable into a home that is not.

Most people who need affordable homes shouldn't live where long travel to the city for doctors, jobs, shopping are required, due to the related travel expenses.

Second homes, especially on small acreages could overtax the existing wells and water availability, and might overtax septic systems.

Second homes on farmland would use up valuable agricultural acreage that is needed for the future, and would waste valuable resources.

These bills just seem to be ways for some people to build a second home for a relative or to hope to make rental income. The bills are unwise, and do little to provide long term affordable housing to help those who can't otherwise find affordable homes.

Sincerely,

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