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Dear Senators and Representatives:

I am opposed to HB 2007 as it stands. The process has been discouraging. It allowed only limited public testimony and failed to provide updated versions of the bill as amended to the public on OLIS.

I live in a neighborhood that was platted in 1909 and 1910. The majority of houses were built in the 20's and 30's. Houses with diversity of architecture and size. It is these houses that are under siege by developers and as a result reducing the options for affordable housing. I do not see how affordable housing is created through this bill but only more opportunity for builders to make large profits. This demolition and redevelopment drives exclusionary gentrification. It makes neighborhoods more expensive, closed to lower-income/middle-income families, less diverse and displaces renters.

The only way to have affordable housing is to keep existing homes. They are also the most sustainable ones. Not the ones going to the landfill. Please consider defeating HB 2007 or revise it. There are ways older neighborhoods can keep their more affordable housing and create more. For example ADUs or repurposing the interior of larger homes. I agree that we do need to work on a plan that creates affordability for all.

Thank you for giving my thoughts your consideration.

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