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Good Day,

I'm writing to express my concerns about HB 2007 and would like my comments entered into record and considered during the decision making process of this bill.

HB 2007 does nothing to guarantee that affordable housing will be built instead of market rate housing. In fact it will encourage already existing affordable housing to be demolished and replaced with housing much more costly. I understand the need for creating affordable housing but it makes no sense to me to destroy that which already exists...and often times displacing people and creating more homelessness in the process. Please protect our already existing affordable housing. This bill is a massive de-regulation to benefit the for-profit developers.

HB 2007 pre-empts city planning...and makes no provision for building affordable housing where it is needed. How can that help Cities deal with their individual needs and give citizens the opportunity to weigh in? This is not a transparent, fair or efficient process.

HB 2007 does not provide for consideration of Comp Plans, neighborhood context, and city infrastructure needs. Our neighborhoods are already losing their much valued history and livability. Buildings that are out of character and way over-sized are already ruining our neighborhoods...and this bill is sure to encourage more of this. Please protect the character and livability of our neighborhoods.

I believe HB 2007 was created by people who will financially benefit from unregulated development...and little regard has been given to how the development will impact the rest of us. Please scrap this bill...or at the very least improve it immensely to protect our already existing affordable housing, historical buildings and the livability of our neighborhoods.

Thank you,
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Sent from my iPad