

Public Testimony: HB2007

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**I oppose HB 2007** and am following up here on the honorable Senator Taylor's suggestion of submitting my testimony opposing HB 2007.

Many of my neighbors even here in Milwaukie are disturbed by any over-ride of our City's ability to set its own zoning laws. Zoning is at the heart of keeping Milwaukie's neighborhoods a high-quality community feel. We see neighboring city of Portland being crammed with ever greater population density, largely created by planning biases which do not respect the desire of most folks to have their own yard and house; rather than having zoning laws trashed to shoe horn increasing population in tight quarters; which results in a more stressful environment for living in.

Metro needs to be much better at expanding the urban growth boundary with population increases. It is too tight with the urban growth boundary; and if you (the state) want to over-ride somebody, it should be Metro. My neighbors and I also don't appreciate you being lobbied by 1000 Friends of Oregon to push more population density on our neighborhoods by stepping on any aspects of our City's ability to maintain its residential zoning.

**Sincerely,  
Bob Clark**