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From: Jean Edwards <jeanedwards@wildblue.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2018 2:22 PM
To: HAGNR Exhibits
Subject: HB 4075 comments in opposition

Dear Chairman Clem and members of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee,

I have recently become aware of this bill. I am writing to ask you to consider my arguments in opposition.

We own a commercial blueberry farm in the 1,700 acre area covered by the bill. This effort to modify land use through legislation is wrong because:

Advocates of HB 4075 are prematurely acting ahead of established land use processes. I have not heard that there is an emergency need to change land use designation in this 1,700 acre rural reserve farming area.

Legislation would circumvent accepted land use planning laws and processes that we support and want to see maintained.

There is no need to jump ahead in the process that citizens and land owners have come to expect from the governing agencies. If at some future time state legislation is deemed necessary, such problems can be addressed then. It is premature now.

Going forward, land use processes that provide a way for landowners and citizens to be adequately involved and informed will be needed. This legislation fails to meet that need.

I recommend that the various land use planning entities create a local process in the next cycle of land use deliberation whereby citizens and landowners can participate meaningfully and adequately.

Until such a process is created this 1,700 acres should remain rural reserve.

I thank you for considering my views,
Sincerely,

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