

To the Committee Members,

HB2001 is the land use equivalent to the predatory mining that I witnessed in Colorado. Out of state companies plundered Colorado and left an environmental and social mess who's impacts are still felt a hundred years later.

HB2001 is a severely flawed bill that I'm frankly disgusted is being put forward by people that I would have expected to be opposing it. By this oxymoronical thinking that:

- density somehow creates affordability (the densest cities in the world are also the most expensive);
- destruction of existing affordable home stock and their margins of trees and gardens is somehow greener;
- the predation of the cheapest homes now on the market will not cause displacement;
- this will not replace affordable home ownership with a class of indentured renters, who lack the security and stability of owning their own home and who will be forever at the mercy of investor owners and market forces;
- that density can somehow be superimposed on existing infrastructure and somehow things will must magically work even though such will not be able to assume that level of density without being upgraded extensively.

The only people this bill will help are developers and investors. They are aided in this by grasslighting: the creation of developer organizations that try to appear and argue as if they're grassroots organizations when they're clearly lobbying efforts meant to deceive. Citizen bodies that oppose these efforts are seen as inconvenient to progress and attacked by aforementioned with a variety of labels, such as racist (many if not most of those who will be affected are minorities), elitist (when is trying to preserve affordable home ownership a mark of elitism?), and NIMBYs. (Heck ya. I'll own this one. Let's KEEP all our backyards green, affordable and welcoming)

It will not help the people. Every argument I've seen trying to support this bill and ones like it use false and misleading comparisons and unfounded statements. Apples are not compared to apples but instead, smoke and mirrors used to compare non-equating properties to create a false reality. DO YOU NOT EVEN READ THESE REPORTS? Who are you people?

Reject this flawed bill and those like it. It is an affront to our communities and attacks what it purports to defend, and defends and aids those who would attack our state and community.

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