

I am opposed to HB2001 because it eliminates local zoning control and substitutes a one-size-fits-all approach that may, or may not work in local jurisdictions. Let communities decide if "middle housing" works for them and if it does, where it does. HB2001 takes advantage of successful, livable neighborhoods that residents have contributed to and fought for, and allows developers to profit from residents' efforts under the guise of "affordable housing." There is no requirement that any of this new housing will be affordable, merely an assumption that more is better. This bill will disproportionately affect older and still affordable in-town neighborhoods with smaller houses, a model that is more environmentally sustainable than modern subdivisions with suburban, expensive, zero-lot-line McMansions.

Sincerely,

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