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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Housing
Measure: HB4118

I am writing to oppose HB 4118. Although its underlying intentions are good, it is not a good idea to allow urban reserve land to be brought into the UGB without a proper land use process, including full public involvement. Such reserve lands may be very difficult to serve with city infrastructure. These lands are likely located far from city centers and local commercial services, and this would not be in the best interests of the workforce residents targeted by this initiative. It's also likely that the reserve lands targeted for housing are farmlands, meaning that these lands are immediately lost to farming without benefit of the comprehensive planning process observed in land use planning.

The companion amendment that calls for establishment of a Task Force is unworkable. The composition and size of the group make it unwieldy. The charter is far too broad, and the timeline is unreasonable.

Sincerely,
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