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Submitter: Sherrie Simmons

On Behalf Of: A tax paying resident of North Plains who can and does vote!

Committee: House Committee on Rules Measure: HB4026

Please support HB4026, twenty-five years ago, I moved to North Plains with my family. I wanted to give back to my new community and get involved. I applied to the Planning Commission in 1999 and did two terms as a Planning Commissioner. I was a City Councilor for 1.5 terms and am currently on multiple boards.

As a resident, I took the time to engage with the city to provide my input and ideas throughout the past several years of the planning process. I went to the public meetings, participated where I could and helped shape the outcome. I understand some people did not choose to come and participate over the past several years in the process, but don't undo my hard work as an involved resident just because others didn't take the time to engage.

It is my understanding that the Grand Bargain (undesignated lands) provided to North Plains in total would be approximately 1,600 acres. This expansion is roughly half of the undesignated lands that are available to North Plains. We cannot grow outside that footprint for the next 50 years.

Please SUPPORT the State planning process regarding HB4026

Thank you,

Sherrie Simmons,

North Plains Senior Center, Vice President
North Plains Events Association, President
North Plains Parks Board member
North Plains Budget Committee