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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB1537

Chair Jama and Members of the Committee on Housing and Development

I urge you to vote to oppose this bill as written. While there are some good things within the bill to address the housing shortage and providing more housing options for low income people the bill, in my mind contains a fatal flaw. That flaw allows changes in the Urban Growth Boundary. To do such a thing will provide a slippery slope for continued tinkering.. There are no end to developers and others who would like nothing more than to abolish or at least reduce regulations and expand the number of acres to develop more housing. There just does not seem to be enough pros as described in other testimonies to outweigh the very major con of weakening the UGB. To do so would contradict the goals contained in the UGB such as habitat preservation, wildfire considerations, and the amount of infrastructure that would be needed to be built, which does not square with the State's goals of reducing green house gas emissions.

Thank you for your consideration..

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