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February 6, 2023

House Committee on Local Government  
Hearing: Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 9:00 a.m.  
Room 281-N

Re: Testimony in opposition of HB 2150

To Chair Bergquist and Members of the Committee:

The current ability cities have to guide development in future growth areas is vital to the planned expansion of cities. Eliminating the ability for cities to apply their own planning and zoning regulations to properties in their growth areas would be detrimental to the orderly development of cities.

Not only do subdivision regulations provide existing and future property owners an important sense of stability that the land will be developed properly, they provide an avenue for the expansion of utilities to serve the properties that will eventually become part of the city. Rights-of-way and connectivity can be provided in a manner that supports the extension of city services and maintains the opportunity for land to transition from rural to suburban development in a way that supports the community and the interest of property owners alike.

Through the exercising of their extraterritorial planning and zoning jurisdiction, cities are able to protect their interests which include their responsibility to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of their citizens.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding HB 2150.

Sincerely,

Russ Kessler  
Mayor