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Date: February 3, 2026
To: Chairman Bowers, Vice Chairman Ryckman & the Senate Committee on Local Government, Transparency and Ethics
From: Kiel Mangus, City Manager, City of Derby
Re: Written Testimony in Opposition to SB 124

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today in **opposition** to Senate Bill 124. The City of Derby is a thriving community which balances the need for growth with interests of the larger community to ensure that its growth is executed in a smart, efficient, and sustainable manner. SB 124 threatens Derby's ability to continue to grow and attract the businesses and amenities that make it a community of choice.

SB 124 would statutorily prohibit the ability of cities to grow beyond their current boundaries without landowner consent. While the vast majority of Derby's growth has occurred through consent and island annexations, there have been a few instances where unilateral annexation was utilized when Derby grew around properties. In these instances, annexing the properties to the city helped resolve conflicts and confusion regarding emergency response and delivery of essential services. Derby supports and practices responsible growth, but the blanket prohibition proposed by SB 124 ignores the realities of how communities develop and thrive. SB 124 restricts responsible growth and threatens the continued viability of Derby and other growing communities.