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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure: HB3414

Please remove Section 2 from HB 3414 which would allow housing developers to obtain an unlimited number of variances from a vast array of land use planning regulations without any commitment to lower housing costs or increase housing capacity. HB 3414 is a giveaway to housing developers at the expense of our communities and environment.

HB 3414 DOES NOT require the developer to pass any of the savings they accrue from bypassing important regulations onto house purchasers.

There is NO requirement that a developer demonstrate that the variance(s) will result in either lower housing costs or increased housing units.

They can keep all the profits they accrue from bypassing important regulations to protect our neighborhoods and our environment.

While we need to relax some regulations to allow for a faster development of affordable housing it should never be at the sacrifice of the very things that sustain all of us. This is not the right bill to support.