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We bought our farm in 1991, have worked it all this time. BUT HB 78 is DEFECTIVE. We're now too old to properly work the farm and need our son and his family to care for it and us as we decline. We need more room for them and their kids, and for ourselves. This needs to include the required dedicated home office space. A 2500 square foot 4-bedroom home allows you to have a room for a dedicated home office, another for a set of parents, and two for the kids, but only two kids. There is no room for the grandparents. Is it fair to dictate how many children families can have? Whether they can adequately care for aging parents? Have room for a caregiver? And how much space they feel they need to safely do those things?

Additionally, limiting a family to 10% over what their current home is cannot be morally sound. I have about 1000 square feet and it's an older mobile home that needs to be replaced. In fact it's so old no one will insure it. There's not enough room, we are overcrowded, it's a hardship. I abhor the McMansions too, I support farmers and foresters, but how is it possible that my home cannot be over 1100 square feet or it's considered a mansion? (Do I understand that correctly? Is it fair to all?) For that matter, how is 2501 square feet considered a mansion?

On top of everything else, it takes away my rights.