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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure: HB2192

A major problem with HB 2192 is evident in the bill's title: "Aligns criteria for alteration, restoration or replacement of a (sic) dwellings on lands zoned for forest use consistent with criteria applicable to dwellings on lands zoned for farm use." There is no justification for making the development criteria in one land use zone the same as those in another zone. It makes no sense. It contradicts the reason we have different land use zones at all. Forest lands are quite different from farm lands, and the criteria for managing them are consequently quite different.

HB 2192 is a transparent ploy to build more houses on forest lands, contrary to Goal 4 which seeks to restrict development on forest lands that could conflict with forestry practices. Housing development conflicts with forestry practices in several ways, including dividing the land into parcels too small to be effectively managed for timber and increasing the risk of wildfire.

Please oppose HB 2192.

Thank you for considering my comment.

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