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On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: HB2192

Hon. Committee Members:

Please vote no on this destructive bill. HB 2192 is not needed. Existing law already allows landowners in all zones to replace legal dwellings that are on the property but in a state of disrepair. Please don't be fooled, HB 2192 is another end run around the states land use program and is designed to allow more rural residential development in resource zones. Many people want to live in rural areas but commute to urban areas to earn a living, shop, attend cultural events, eat out and more. One thing most of them don't want to do is the hard work required to produce the food and fiber the resource zones were established to yield. So we have suburbanites, occupying much of the housing in the rural areas and then commuting to town and in the process clogging roads and making it impossible to move farm equipment when it needs to move. The farm workers on the other hand are having to commute to the farms from the only housing they can find, mostly in urban areas. This would be wasteful even without climate change, but now it accelerates climate change and it's threat of disaster. Also, insanely, the bill would allow landowners to "replace" a dwelling that no longer exists on the property and did not exist when the current owner purchased the property. It also creates a potentially 50-year long "look back" window for allowing such dwellings. Please consign this bill to the round file where it belongs.