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On Behalf
Of:

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Measure: HB2659

Mandatory parking prevents the charming Main Street development style that people love. These walkable downtowns and small commercial hubs are extremely attractive as destinations for local residents. CFEC's parking reforms will allow these hubs to develop again. Additionally, small business owners often shoulder the cost of mandatory parking. Supporting these parking reforms means helping small businesses. These reforms will support the economic health of our cities and towns.

Environmental advocates are working with cities on administrative changes that can help cities comply with these rules. We don't have to throw away years of work by repealing this entire package.

As an architecture professional, I have worked on projects in other states that have removed parking minimums. The parking reforms in these areas have been successful in furthering climate goals, while also supporting the construction of desperately needed affordable housing.

I strongly oppose HB 2659.