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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure: HB3414

I am writing to oppose HB 3414 as currently written.

Developers should not have carte blanche ability to bypass city codes and process' that have been put in place to protect the community, and our built and natural resources. Over and over these process' have proved to improve the developments during the design phase of a project, and are expected and necessary aspects of keeping or communities livable for a diverse population of residents and business. Further, such variances are often already allowed by local governments, *contingent* on the applicant demonstrating how an alternate method of compliance would still uphold development standards codified in the local zoning code.

HB 3414 would not only nullify all of the detailed efforts in removing barriers to housing within historic, natural, and scenic protected areas, it would continue a well-established trend of displacement and gentrification of culturally diverse areas that deserve continued protection. This bill will not increase the overall supply of housing, housing affordability, nor increase housing choice, as there is no requirement in the bill that the adjustment be tied to the production of additional housing that would otherwise be allowed.

This bill is redundant and harmful to the communities it is intended to protect.

Thank you.