

To the Honorable members of the Commission

My name is Paul Erickson. I reside at 1107 14th St. NE, Grand Forks, ND (a location within the recently acquired 2 -4 mile extraterritorial zoning authority extension)

It is disturbing to me that I feel the necessity to be a participant publicly voicing my feelings and opinion before a legislative commission in an attempt to preserve the most basic of my constitutional rights, namely voting and representation.

I am quite sure that when legislative permission was granted to the city of Grand Forks to extend zoning authority it was not anticipated that such flagrant omission of these rights would become implementation policy.

I find it hard to believe that the legislature anticipated a totalitarian mentality of certain Grand Forks city council members who have publicly indicated that no matter what property owner protests or environmental concerns are raised, the intent is to legally prevail.

Is it unreasonable to request that a period of time be taken to revisit the issue of how much authority should be granted to municipalities without incorporating adequate safeguards?

At present I believe that abusive policies are being implemented and respectfully request that the legislature re-evaluate what is going on in the Grand Forks area.

Respectfully submitted



Paul Erickson