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Chairman Patten, Vice Chairman Kessel and distinguished Senators of the Energy & Natural Resources Committee. My name is Donald Longmuir and I am a Representative from District 2 which includes Burke County, Divide County, and parts of Mountrail and Williams County.

I am writing you today in opposition to HB1258. As a retired county planning and zoning administrator, I know the importance of planning on how county residents want their county to grow. Today counties have long term growth plans that take into consideration what local residents have done in the past and what they would like to see in the future. Local zoning ordinances take this into account as they develop their ordinances in a logical manner. Not taking local ordinances into account disrupts and, in some cases, negates long term plans the county developed over the years. Who knows better what is best for the county than the local planning and zoning board. HB1258 takes away this fundamental right of the counties to plan their own growth. One size does not fit all.

I would encourage a Do Not Pass on HB1258.

Thank you for your time and consideration.