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Dear Legislators,

I am sorry I am unable to attend the discussion on AB 379 and AB 380 in person, but wanted to insert my testimony into the record in FAVOR of both bills.

As to:

AB 379 – I would encourage the committee to approve AB 379 and allow it to move out of committee to the floor for a vote. I am a former employee of the Washoe County Planning Department, spending time both in Long Range Planning and Community Development. I have seen first hand how land developers manipulate regional, city and county governments to their best advantage, which is usually not to the advantage of the impacted area. I feel that the years spent developing and revising our Regional Plan have been utterly useless as a result of these manipulations, and that individual jurisdictions need to have more of a say in what types of development (and impacts) are allowed to proceed within their boundaries. As a resident of a county unincorporated area, I want my voice to be heard as loudly as those in Reno and Sparks in the decision making affecting my quality of life, and the burdens placed on our limited resources, schools and community services. Please vote in FAVOR of AB 379.

AB380- I would encourage you to approve AB 380 and allow it to move out of committee. Living about 20 miles outside of downtown Reno, I have watched urban sprawl creep steadily my way. I am not opposed to development that follows some sort of plan that benefits the area it impacts, but the use of the Sphere of Influence isn't about "planning" for growth. The Sphere of Influence has proven to be a mechanism that allows the incorporated cities to gain tax revenues under the guise of offering additional services to county residents, while actually serving the needs of the developer who didn't like Washoe County development requirements. My homeowners association opposed a plan proposed by a developer that recently bought 800 acres adjacent to our homes. We opposed his plan based on the density he proposed, and the over utilization of water resources that would result. We are all on wells, with no other source of available water, in an aquifer that is being drawn down to supply new development 2 miles away. His retort was to tell us that he would have the City of Reno 'Sphere of Influence' extended to include us and he'd develop at 3 times the density he had originally proposed. That experience alone illustrates how the Sphere of Influence process is abused and should be abolished. Please eradicate the disease known as the Sphere of Influence and approve AB380.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

  
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