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Dear Senator McInnis, Representative Jackson, Representative Moss, and Representative Sauls:

The Moore County Board of County Commissioners is writing to express the same sentiment the municipalities of Moore County expressed in a recent letter to the Moore County Legislative Delegation regarding Session Law 2024-57, the recent down-zoning legislation, which passed in December of 2024. This law cripples local governments' ability to engage in smart planning for future growth and development, especially in Moore County which is the 10th fastest growing county in North Carolina. Although all local governments are impacted, the passage of this law directly impacts the implementation of the proposed Moore County Land Use Plan that a committee of 34 Moore County citizens have been working on for approximately 9 months. Although Land Use Plans are not impacted by down-zoning, making all the necessary changes to the Unified Development Ordinance to be consistent with the proposed Land Use Plan would be extremely difficult if not impossible due to the new down-zoning legislation.

Further, House Bill 765 – the Local Government Development Regulations Omnibus Bill – and, other land use regulation bills, further hampers N.C. local governments’ ability to operate effectively due to increased restrictions imposed by the General Assembly.

The Moore County Board of County Commissioners sincerely requests the Moore County Legislative Delegation and the General Assembly to restore local governments’ authority to engage in smart planning to effectively address growth, especially here in Moore County where continued steady growth is anticipated. Lastly, please let us know the reasoning behind the massive changes in land use laws.

Sincerely,

Kurt Cook, Chair
Moore County Board of Commissioners