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This bill is simply a re-packaged version of Obama's AFFH (Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing) policy which seeks to destroy local communities by eliminating single-family zoning.

Americans have always chosen how and where to live and then decided who governed them. Self-government and local control are the backbone of our country and what made us exceptional, not the state or federal government dictating what's best for free individuals.

This bill would be just the first step for cities to regulate surrounding towns and rural areas for various reasons including tax revenue. As a Portland, ME native, for example, I left there years ago and try my best to not have anything to do with that city, their city council or their socialist policies. I certainly do not want the state or federal governments telling me how to live my life any more than they already do.

I strongly urge the committee members to vote "Ought Not to Pass".

Thank you for your consideration.