SBo309 (Sustainable Growth Subcabinet and Repeal of the Office of Smart Growth) – **UNFAVORABLE** 

## Honorable Members:

I wish to go on record with my concerns about Smart Growth/Sustainable Development. According to the UN, Agenda21 (i.e., the agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> century) is "a comprehensive plan of action to be taken globally, nationally, and locally by...Governments...in every area in which human impacts on the environment." Agenda21 was signed by George H.W. Bush along with many other international heads of state without Congressional consent. Currently the name has been updated to Agenda2030. It is a plan to inventory and control all resources, human and natural, and all means of production in the world and this is a process that is happening right now in every city, town and community in the entire world. The goals of tight control over all aspects of life are outlined right on the UN website. <a href="https://sdgs.un.org/goals">https://sdgs.un.org/goals</a> This agenda is also being pushed by the World Economic Forum whose recent "8 Predictions for the World in 2030" promotion started out with the quote "You'll own nothing and you'll be happy." <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lBBxWtKKQiA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lBBxWtKKQiA</a>

At the local level, this plan is called Plan2040 where I live. This plan seems to be re-drawing and erasing jurisdictional boundaries, in effect erasing city, county, and state sovereignty where we vote, where we have our representative government. This so-called "Regionalization" is actually a transition to a non-representative government, a socialist control mechanism, where we will ultimately be governed by **unelected boards and commissions**. This is government, as opposed to government by the people.

Such a scheme should lead constituents to ask:

"Would you trust a government-run program that regulated all aspects of human living in order to save the planet?"

"How would you feel if the government used eminent domain to take your private property in order to save a certain species on it?"

"Would you accept monitoring of your private well so that your water use can be restricted?"

"Would you approve of the government fining you for use of your gas-burning car because your carbon footprint is too big?"

"Would you approve of the government drawing boundaries and then restricting your freedom to travel outside of those boundaries in order to limit your carbon footprint?" It's called a 15-Minute City, and early implementation of them in Europe has met with fierce resistance due to its open-air prison feel. <a href="https://europeanconservative.com/articles/news/thousands-protest-15-minute-city-in-oxford/">https://europeanconservative.com/articles/news/thousands-protest-15-minute-city-in-oxford/</a>

I suspect your constituents would not react positively to any of the above. For all the reasons above, I oppose Smart Growth/Sustainable Development policies and bills such as this. I think it is important for lawmakers to understand what you are signing constituents up for, when you push forward with Smart Growth/Sustainable Development legislation.

Thank you.

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