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Honorable Kevin McCarty
California State Assembly
PO Box 942849
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Dear Assemblymember McCarty:

I am writing to convey my personal opposition unless amended to AB 430. I have communicated my opposition to the bill as currently written to author, Assemblymember James Gallagher and look forward to working with the member once the preemption to conditional land use authority is redacted.

The Chico City Council did not have an opportunity ahead of this hearing to discuss and/or issue an Oppose Unless Amended letter. Additionally, the Butte County Board of Supervisors letter of support did not seek the approval of either of the two Supervisors in the Chico area – overwhelmingly the most populated city, pre- and post- Camp Fire.

Our community is concerned about lifting conditional land use authority – precisely at a time when smart yet efficient growth is one of our highest priorities. There is no question that aggressive efforts to stimulate housing are an important part of Chico and Butte County's recovery.

The City of Chico currently has 2500 Single Family units and 2800 Multi Family units of housing in various stages of development that are overwhelmingly not pending city regulatory authority. I see AB 430 as a considerable overreach and potential state preemption under any circumstances, let alone potentially at opposition to the most impacted jurisdictions.

I am urging a no vote to pass this bill to Appropriations unless amended. Should you have any questions about my personal opposition to this bill, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Randall Stone, MPA
Mayor