

Representative Julianne Young

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FYI. I sent this to each of the members of the Senate Local Government Committee. I apologize I will not be there on the 15th to testify. Wishing you all the best of luck!

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Senator Cook,

I will keep this brief as I am sure you are inundated with numerous emails during this legislative session. I will unfortunately not be able to attend this hearing to testify and I wanted to make sure you know that not all cities are against this legislation. I am in fact, very much in favor of this legislation and have helped Senator Van Orden and Representative Young in crafting it. As a former city planner for over 15 years, a former legislator, and now Mayor, I have been on nearly every side of this issue. I can attest that the current legislation for annexations is a mess and is very confusing for even myself with my 15+ years' experience in Idaho planning to try and understand. This bill will simplify the wording making it much easier to understand, and in my opinion will not impose any significant impacts to Idaho cities in enforcing this new law. It helps protect Idaho's private property owners.

It puts the onus on the city to work with private property owners, rather than a government mandated annexation that will drastically increase a property owner's taxes without their true consent. I strongly encourage you to support this legislation and invite you to reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time.