

## Regarding HB-1691

- 1) This bill undermines the objectives and purpose of current use laws
- 2) The “ANALYSIS” refers to parcel size, zoning and .... yet the text of the bill simply refers to lots. As a parcel can be made up of numerous lots it is misleading.
- 3) “Retroactive tax liability”. Is the objective to penalize a land owner for complying with existing laws? If anything, this poorly thought out and written bill should grand father all existing current use land owners as they followed existing laws. Someone should not be penalized for making financial decisions based on the existing law. Or, is this just an underhanded money/land grab?
- 4) Limiting current use to one lot per entity (Max. 40ac). What if A 40 acre parcel is made up of 3 lots, only one could be current use? More importantly, what if a parcel is 150 acres. Or 1,000 acres of prime NH wilderness area. Shouldn't that be preserved, left undeveloped, and taxed at its actual use. The benefits accrue to the wildlife, the public and to the landowner who covers the expenses of maintaining and managing the land.
- 5) I could go on about all the gibberish regarding Semi rural, rural and urban restrictions proposed. However, I ask the authors of this bill, is what is best for Southern NH, or any single town the best for all of NH, or Northern NH?
- 6) And it goes on. The authors of this bill evidently believe that all agriculture and forestry operations should be run as determined by the state or its agencies. I guess the objective is bureaucracy over innovation. And further, if, god forbid, (III,(f)) “Agricultural or forestry operations report profit or revenue that substantially exceeds typical returns for comparable operations under current use, they would be in violation of current use laws? Let penalize efficient producers. No need to comment further on this type of thinking.
- 7) This bill is so anti American and anti New Hampshire it should have never been conceived, much less forced citizens to allocate time to address it. This bill should not only be killed, the authors should be sent to basic remedial education classes. I could address many other items in the bill but I do not have the time to address every sentence.