





overall (master) productivity rating class C or lesser, and the land is contiguous to the urban district; provided that at least fifty per cent of the housing units on the land sought to be reclassified under this paragraph are set aside for persons and families with incomes at or below one hundred forty per cent of the area median income.

Further, the Department recommends that the agricultural lands considered for reclassification pursuant to these amendments be identified within the county's urban expansion area, or equivalent designation.

If the bill advances without the amendments and other considerations proposed by the Department, there may be the following consequences:

- Conflicts between existing agricultural activities and the encroaching urbanization;
- Adverse effects on agricultural land valuation possibly leading to higher prices and rents for agricultural land; and
- Increased uncertainty for farmers leasing agricultural land for food production.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our testimony.



































































































































