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The Honorable George V. Voinovich  
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Dear Senator Voinovich,

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It appears to be an effort to federalize zoning. Such an approach violates the underlying principles of land use controls. This is not an area the federal government should occupy.

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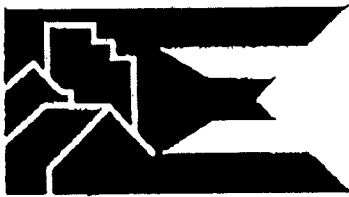
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