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Dear Representative Sandra Masin, Chair, Local Government Division House Committee:

The City of Oakdale wishes to express its strong opposition to the amendments made to Bill HF-527 and to Bill SF-277 and asks for your support in defeating these amendments. Bill HF-527 will be heard by the House Local Government Committee tomorrow at 8:30 AM.

The amendments being brought forth with the Bill would restrict the City of Oakdale's statutory authority to charge developers' fees to cover infrastructure improvements tied to new residential development, such as the Willowbrooke and the Helmo Station area projects currently underway in our community.

Without this authority in place, cities would have to rely on property taxes to pay for development-related infrastructure, putting an undue and unnecessary burden on our taxpayers. The new streets currently being planned in Oakdale are the result of new development and, as such, the associated costs should be borne by the developer of these projects, not by the entire community.

I, again, wish to state Oakdale's strong opposition to the amendments being presented with Bill HF-527 and Bill SF-277 and asks for your help in defeating the amendments.

Sincerely,

Christina M. Volkers,
City Administrator

