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Efforts Underway to Dismantle DCA and Growth Management in Florida**

A House PCB released late Friday that could be heard this week would abolish DCA and transfer its functions to the Department of State, among other provisions. 1000 Friends of Florida supports DCA and its many important program responsibilities and will strongly oppose its dismantlement and transfer to an agency which has no background or history with growth management.

In addition to dissolving DCA, this PCB would allow any local government to use the alternative state review process, bypassing DCA and state agency comments on all plan amendments. Exemptions from transportation concurrency and Development of Regional Impact (DRI) reviews would be granted to cities and counties qualifying as “dense urban areas”.

This PCB reflects a line of thought that growth and environmental controls have somehow hindered economic development and recovery, a false premise that should be a cause for alarm for all Floridians. This is a critical issue that directly affects our daily quality of life. Clearly the question has already been asked and answered regarding the benefits of any relaxation of growth controls. Anyone with doubts should consult those of us who are stuck in daily traffic jams, have children in overcrowded schools, or are residents of sprawling developments.

Sunday’s Tampa Tribune editorial captured the essence of Tallahassee’s current mindset regarding growth management and is linked [here](#). For those interested, [the PCB](#) and a [summary outline](#) are available.

Please call [your Representative](#) and let him/her know that under no condition should DCA or growth management be dismantled!