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I am strong advocate of the current plan, which has been producing positive gains for all New Jersey residents. By protecting our critical water supplies, reducing flooding, and preserving wildlife habitat through sensible limits on development, the Act is promoting the healthy future of our state. In fact, the Act works so well, we believe similar restrictions would be beneficial statewide. The only complaints we have heard are from the kind of landowners who have been making money hand over fist for decades by developing properties with no regard for our resources or how they degrade our quality of life. And occasionally those government officials that seek to blame the Highlands Act for the high taxes that are really their own doing, often from failing to control the overdevelopment of their own communities. We hope the state government will not use this comment period as an excuse to weaken a law that has been working so well. You can help by supporting these values with your comments.

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