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My name is Shyla Patera. I am employed by and represent North Central Independent Living Services, Inc. (NCILS) in Black Eagle, Montana. I am writing the proposed comment in regard to multi family code changes and zoning changes in our Great Falls city code. I know and NCILS, knows that we will be able to use infill and other opportunities to advance housing construction and other opportunities. As a longtime housing advocate in Great Falls, My agency, NCILS and I both know that any opportunity to advance housing in Great Falls may be worth taking. Housing affordability leads to many other opportunities for community building and neighborhood growth. However, it bears repeating that many people with disabilities including those citizens with mobility and sensory often have issues in accessibility with mixed use buildings and mixed use zoning opportunities. Given the debate and need for all multi family housing in all areas of our community, NCILS asks how we are going to address accessibility of our neighborhoods, businesses, as well as environmental factors that may impact the zoning change once this vital code change has passed??

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Sent from my iPhone