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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 26, 2025 4:39 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Cc:** Rep. Carson, Lauren H.  
**Subject:** SUPPORT Budget Article 5, Sections 4,7, and 10

Dear Chairman Abney and Members of the House Committee on Finance,

I am writing in **SUPPORT of Budget Article 5, Sections 4, 7, and 10.**

As a resident of Newport, I am keenly aware of the need for more affordable housing, especially for middle income households and individuals - nurses, teachers, firefighters and police officers, for example - the people who provide the vital services that make our community a safe and desirable place to live.

Newport has two roles to play in the successful passage of this legislation. First, the high cost of purchasing a home in the city and the wide prevalence of short term rentals, some of which are whole house rentals, would provide funds to the Housing Resources and Homeless Fund. And secondly, the fund would in turn provide resources for the City to address issues its residents have in finding affordable, safe and accessible housing in the community where they work and want to live.

**I urge you to support Sections 4, 7 and 10 of Budget Article 5.**

Sincerely,

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