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OF HOUSING PROVIDERS**

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To Honorable Representative Robert E. Craven, Sr.
Chair, House Judiciary Committee
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

VIA Email: HouseJudiciary@rilegislature.gov

RE: Letter in SUPPORT of House Bill No. 5181

Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

We are writing to you on behalf of the Rhode Island Coalition of Housing Providers ("the coalition") in strong SUPPORT of House Bill 5181. This bill would allow modifying eviction summons for cases other than non-payment of rent to include the option to tack on a notice of residence, similar to non-payment evictions.

Allowing highly trained constables to serve notices could conserve judicial resources by avoiding motions for alternative service and create safer residences. Currently, bad actors can evade service, prolonging the time before they appear in court, creating unsafe environments for other tenants. This bill would give housing providers a tool to expedite hearings and resolve issues before they impact other residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important legislation.

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RI Coalition of Housing Providers
