

The Honorable Stephen Casey,

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The Honorable Stephen M. Casey  
Chair, House Committee on Municipal Government and Housing  
Rhode Island State House  
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Support for H7981 (Duplexes and Mixed-use Districts)

Dear Chairman Casey and Members of the House Committee on Municipal Government and Housing:

I support bill H7981. We need more housing in Rhode Island, and to build more housing in Rhode Island we need to legalize building that housing. Think of how much more the people of Rhode Island could flourish if we were spending (say) \$200/month less on housing and could spent that on something else.

I deleted most of the form letter to write my own personal thoughts but this part seemed worth keeping:

- Please maintain the provision legalizing duplexes by right on at least 30% of the developable land in each city and town (which the city or town can choose how to implement); and
- Please legalize mixed-use districts broadly. One district per city and town is not enough, particularly without guardrails to ensure that districts are designed meaningfully.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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