

Hello,
I hope you're doing well.

I'm writing in support of House Bill 5100 (*Authorizes municipalities to make an emergency declaration under limited circumstances to allow for the construction and use of SAVE Units on a temporary basis which have specialized requirements and exemptions from the state fire and building codes.*)

To further stall the opening of Echo Village is another example of the 'do-nothing-democratic party' that is too concerned with bureaucracies than tangible solutions. Stalling the opening under the guise of building and fire code violations is laughable to me.

I'm a staff member in the Environmental, Health and Safety department at URI, who works alongside the Fire & Life Safety department.

There are dozens, if not hundreds, of fire code violations. To the point that my newer fire safety colleague (and former firefighter) is pleading with his friends at the State Marshalls Office to come visit.

Yet, URI continues to receive hundreds of millions of dollars to consistently open new buildings. I could list horrific safety concerns that I've seen in the last 4 years, but that is irrelevant.

On the other hand, my wife is a case manager at House of Hope and sees first-hand the fraught conditions that people are living in.

To not support HB 5100, is to be nothing more than an out-of-touch bureaucrat that wastes money.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Regards,

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