



February 4, 2023

The Honorable Stephen M. Casey
Chairman of the House Municipal Government and Housing Committee
Rhode Island General Assembly
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

RE: SUPPORT for H5100

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

We, the undersigned members of the Providence City Council, write in strong support of H5100, critical legislation that would remove unnecessary regulatory barriers to the deployment of supportive and versatile emergency (SAVE) units for unhoused residents. With Rhode Island experiencing record levels of homelessness, and Providence bearing a significant share of this crisis, it is imperative that we act swiftly to provide safe, temporary shelter. H5100 makes necessary amendments to the state building, fire, and housing maintenance codes to ensure that municipalities can use SAVE units as a life-saving response to this emergency.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Speaker Shekarchi for introducing this essential legislation and have introduced a Council [resolution](#) supporting this bill that will be passed at our next meeting.

We urge the General Assembly to pass H5100 without delay and stand ready to work alongside state leaders to implement humane, effective solutions to this ongoing crisis.

Sincerely,

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