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The Honorable Stephen Casey,

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Chair, House Committee on Municipal Government and Housing

Rhode Island State House

Providence, RI 02903

Re: Yes on Townhomes and Oversized Lot Splits (H5798 and H5799)

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

I am writing in support of two important housing bills, HB5798 that allows for more single-family townhomes to be built and HB5799 which allows oversized lots to be subdivided to match the surrounding housing.

Housing as it currently stands is historically unaffordable, and this is leading to a lot of negative economic effects, such as less spending in other parts of the economy, delayed family formation, and many fleeing from the state entirely.

If this state fails to deal with restrictive homebuilding regulations, it will decline as potential homebuyers seek shelter in areas where the political code is not stopping builders from meeting the market's demands.

These two housing bills are important steps in addressing that housing crisis.

I want to thank the bill sponsors, Rep. June Speakman, and Rep. Cherie Cruz, for their dedication to addressing the housing crisis in Rhode Island, and I respectfully ask the Committee to vote in support of these two important changes to zoning laws that will help create much needed housing in Rhode Island.

Respectfully,

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