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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: 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.

As someone that has the ability to own a home moved out of my reach, I know how important it has to a variety of sizes and types of homes. The million dollar homes of the East Side need to be offset with condos, townhomes, and ADUs so that it's easier for families to buy a starter home, and for seniors to downsize in their community. Townhomes offer a more affordable path to homeownership without the complication of condominium documents, plus are significantly easier for builders to finance.

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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