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Cc: Rep. Santucci, Paul M.; Michael Iannotti; Rep. Costantino, Gregory J.
Subject: Support for H 5957 & H 5689

Honorable Chair Casey and Members of the House Municipal Government and Housing Committee,

I write to you today to express my support for bills H5957 and H5689. Constituents throughout the Town of Smithfield regularly contact me to express great concern for the large number of high-density housing project approvals/proposals and the effects they have on our town. People enjoy living in Smithfield for many reasons including our beautiful open space and our safe, family-friendly neighborhoods. People live in Smithfield because it is not a city and we would like it to remain that way.

I urge you to support bills that shift the power to control local planning and zoning from the State back to where it rightfully belongs, to the cities and towns.

Thank you for considering my testimony and for the work you do on behalf of the people of Rhode Island.

Respectfully,

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