

March 26, 2026

Testimony to the House Committee on Corporations

Re: **House Resolution No 8008: By Speakman, Boylan**

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY CURRENT CONDOMINIUM LAW AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND ONGOING AFFORDABILITY OF CONDOMINIUMS IN RHODE ISLAND

**Hearing Date: March 26, 2026**

Dear Representatives:

This letter is submitted in **strong support** of House Resolution 8008, which proposes the creation of a commission to study the current state of Rhode Island condominium law.

We have been engaged in community association law and governance for over twenty years and have encountered a wide range of issues from the legal, management, and insurance perspectives. While there have been incremental amendments to the Rhode Island Condominium Act in recent years, the Act itself (adopted in 1982) is based on the Uniform Condominium Act of 1980. Nearly fifty years later, the landscape of condominium ownership and governance has evolved significantly, and a comprehensive review is both timely and necessary.

A study commission would provide a critical opportunity to examine the Act in a thoughtful and deliberate manner, with the goal of modernizing the framework and improving the ability of communities to function effectively and harmoniously.

Accordingly, we respectfully urge your support of House Resolution 8008. We would welcome the opportunity to provide additional information to the Committee and would be pleased to participate in the work of the proposed commission. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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