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The Honorable Representative Joseph J. Solomon, Jr., Chair
House Corporations Committee
Rhode Island State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Re: H 8008

Dear Chair Solomon:

The Executive Office of Housing (“EOH”) is pleased to submit this letter in support of House Bill 8008, which would create a sixteen-member special legislative commission to study current condominium law and provide recommendations for improvements to transparency, accountability, and ongoing affordability of condominiums in Rhode Island. This commission would report back to the General Assembly by December 31, 2027.

Condominiums - both market-rate and affordable - are an important component of our *Housing 2030* goals. Rhode Island’s housing deficit impacts households across the income spectrum. Competition for homes of every type – from single-family homes on large lots to small condominiums – drives up prices for everyone, with the most severe consequences for lower-income residents. Condominiums present an opportunity to expand the supply of both naturally occurring and deed-restricted affordable housing. Given our reliance on this housing type to achieve our *Housing 2030* goals, it is essential to clearly understand the rights and responsibilities of both unit owners and condominiums board members.

EOH welcomes the opportunity to serve on and participate in this new commission to better understand the complexities of condominiums and engage in discussions to develop solutions to existing challenges.

Sincerely,

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CC: The Honorable Members of the House Corporations Committee
The Honorable June Speakman
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