



DONALD R. GREBIEN
MAYOR



February 29, 2024

Hom. Marvin L. Abney
Chair, Rhode Island House Finance Committee
State House
Providence, RI 02908

RE: H 7225 – Article 5, Question 3

Dear Chairman Abney,

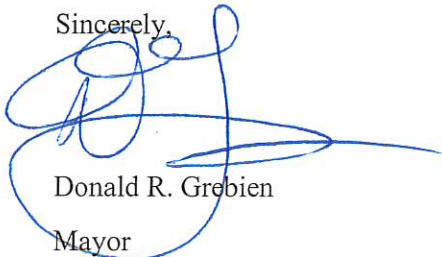
I write to you today in strong support of the authorization proposed \$100,000,000 Housing and Community Opportunity Bond ballot question within Article 5 of the Governor's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, H 7225.

Access to housing of all categories, in particular affordable and middle-income housing, is vital to building and maintaining healthy, safe, and prosperous communities. With the State facing an ongoing shortage of housing units, public and private investment in housing production and infrastructure, community revitalization, and the promotion of home ownership are incredibly important.

The proposed investment of \$100,000,000 by the State will encourage and incentivize development and send a message that we are truly serious in our goal of achieving housing access for all Rhode Islanders. In particular, I believe the funding within this proposal will lead to many opportunities for the growth and development of much-needed housing in the City of Pawtucket.

I thank Governor McKee for including this within his budget proposal and urge the General Assembly to work towards its passage.

Sincerely,



Donald R. Grebien
Mayor

CC: Members of the Rhode Island House Finance Committee
Daniel J. McKee, Governor of Rhode Island