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To: Chairman Marvin Abney
From: RI Builders Association
Re: Governor's Budget Amendment #12

Dear Chairman Abney

The RI Builders Association, Rhode Island's residential trade association with over 1,000 member firms, is writing in support of Amendment #12 as it relates to the reorganization of the departmental and governmental processes of housing.

This new article amends various sections of R.I. General Law to effectuate the recommendations of the 2024 Housing Organizational Report, including consolidating the programmatic and policy functions of the Housing Resources Commission into the Executive Office of Housing, establishing the Secretary of Housing as the statutory chair of the RI Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation, transferring the oversight and administration of the Housing Production Fund to the Executive Office of Housing, and establishing two interagency councils to advance policies, programs, and coordination for addressing housing and homelessness. The article also transfers the Housing Resources Commission's responsibilities for lead hazard mitigation to the RI Department of Health.

The RI Builders Association feels the article amendment will contribute to a more effective organization with better outcomes.

Thank you for allowing us to provide feedback on this important matter. We remain committed to a continued collaboration with the State on all related housing issues.

Most respectfully,

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