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Builders**

May 7, 2025

The Honorable Marvin L. Abney
Chair, House Finance Committee
Rhode Island State House, 82 Smith Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903

RE: Support for Governor's Budget Amendment 12 to the H 5076 – FY 2026 Appropriations Act

Dear Chair Abney and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of One Neighborhood Builders, a Rhode Island housing and community development organization based in Providence, I write in support of the Governor's Budget Amendment 12 of the Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations bill, which would implement recommendations in the 2024 Housing Organizational Report. These recommendations include 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 RI Housing, transferring the oversight and administration of the Housing Production Fund to the Executive Office of Housing, and establishing two interagency councils to address housing and homelessness.

Together, these changes would streamline the governance of housing production and preservation in Rhode Island. They would provide additional clarity and transparency into policy and program design that impact organizations and individuals with a vested interest in housing, which would allow for greater accountability.

I encourage the committee to pass these amendments to advance housing production in Rhode Island. I applaud Speaker Shekarchi and the entire General Assembly's prioritization of housing production and preservation and encourage the legislature to continue to pass solutions to advance affordable housing.

I am happy to talk further about these issues; please feel free to reach out to me at chapman@onenb.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter H. Chapman
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