

The Honorable Marvin Abney  
Chair, House Finance Committee  
82 Smith Street, Providence, RI 02903

Re: In support of H-8208

Dear Chair Abney and members of the Committee:

I write to express my strong support for House Resolution 8208, a proposed \$200,000 appropriation to the Housing Network of Rhode Island (HNRI) to strengthen community development capacity and improve coordination across the housing and homelessness response system. I am a volunteer with Haus of Codec, as well as am a very low income housing insecure person. These funds may help me and other housing insecure or homeless people finally find stable housing.

This appropriation represents a strategic investment in the systems and organizations needed to meet the current moment. By strengthening coordination, supporting capacity-building, and improving information sharing and communication, this appropriation will help advance efforts to reduce fragmentation, improve efficiency, and ultimately impact low- and moderate-income Rhode Islanders seeking safe, healthy, and affordable homes.

I respectfully urge the Committee to support this appropriation. It is a modest investment with the potential for significant statewide impact—strengthening organizations, improving system performance, and helping more Rhode Islanders access and maintain stable housing.

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to addressing Rhode Island's housing challenges.

Sincerely,

Rae McCaskill

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