

Dear Chair Casey and members of the committee,

I am writing in support of HB 7062. I believe that Rep. Speakman has introduced a bill that will provide a myriad of advantages to many Rhode Island residents. As a Middletown resident I understand not only the lack of affordable housing both on Aquidneck Island and throughout the state, but also the lack of workforce housing. Also, as someone that works with individuals and families in the community that have lived experience with I/DD I know there is a need and desire for housing that provides independence and inclusion for these individuals. ADUs are a great opportunity for many individuals to first create and then rent affordable housing. Please consider all of the marginalized communities that would be positively affected by the passage of HB 7062.

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