

The Honorable Representative Casey, Chair, House Committee on Municipal Government & Housing:

At the April 10, 2024 meeting of the Pawtucket City Council, upon motion by Councilor Mark Wildenhain, I was requested to express the Council's opposition to H 7983, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY – STATE BUILDING CODE. The Council's concern is that by setting up a new state agency to oversee building officials will take away the right of the local building officials to have jurisdiction over their cities and towns, which will affect the unique character of our communities throughout the state. The Council does not believe that's appropriate.

In addition, there is concern that by adding an additional layer to the review process it could cause delays in the process for municipalities and applicants alike.

On behalf of the Pawtucket City Council. thank you for your attention to this matter.

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