

March 18, 2024

Representative Stephen Casey, Chairman House Committee on Municipal Government & Housing

Re: H7893

Dear Chairman Casey,

The RI Builders Association, a residential construction trade association with over 1,000 member companies, is writing to support H7893 - a bill that allows the residential construction code to be applied to structures up to 6 units.

By increasing the codes applicability to this type of housing, the State will be allowing for a lower cost structure, more contractor capacity, and a more efficient building design, all of which, will directly lead to the opportunity to build units that target the missing middle housing choices.

The bill also allows for some adjustments to the quorum requirements of the State Building Code Commission – allowing it to conduct business more easily.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this guidance and feedback. Please know that we submit this testimony with appreciation and gratitude for the attention to housing and remain a dedicated stakeholder in assisting the House as its tries to find the appropriate means to solve the existing housing crisis.

Respectfully submitted,

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