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Hon. Stephen M. Casey
Chair, House Committee on Municipal Government and Housing
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

RE: House Bill No. 8061 by Alzate, Giraldo, Voas ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CITY HOUSING AUTHORITIES (Establishes the composition of the housing authority for the city of Central Falls.)

To Honorable Chair Casey and Members of the House Committee on Municipal Government and Housing:

I am writing today in enthusiastic support for HB-8061 which is sponsored by all three members of the Central Falls House delegation.

This legislation is necessary and needed because currently there are two different sections of the law that speak to the membership of the Central Falls Housing Authority. This legislation cleans up the enabling statute and is based on the language included in the following: § 45-25-10.2. City of Newport housing authority. § 45-25-10.3. City of Cranston housing authority. § 45-25-10.4. City of East Providence housing authority. § 45-25-10.5. City of Woonsocket housing authority. § 45-25-10.6. and City of Pawtucket housing authority.

As the appointing authority for the Housing Authority, this legislation will make clear who I need to appoint and the qualifications and process for doing so. The bill has the support of the City and the Housing Authority. The City Council will be considering a resolution in support at their April meeting.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely Yours,

Maria Rivera
Mayor