

RHODE ISLAND COALITION OF HOUSING PROVIDERS

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To Honorable Representative Stephen M. Casey Chair, House Committee on Municipal Government & Housing Rhode Island State House Providence, RI 02903 VIA Email: HouseMunicipalGovernmentandHousing@rilegislature.gov

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**Re: SUPPORT 5797

On behalf of the Rhode Island Coalition of Housing Providers, we write in support of House Bill 5797, which facilitates zoning for co-living arrangements.

RICOHP supports efforts to expand the availability of co-living options. Co-living environments often provide an affordable housing solution for those in greatest need. Additionally, they help reduce the dispersion of individuals into housing units that could otherwise accommodate more residents, thereby optimizing housing resources and minimizing the number of underutilized properties.

Sincerely,

Rhode Island Coalition of Housing Providers