

To: HouseMunicipalGovernmentandHousing@rilegislature.gov

Re:Support for bills 5957, 5689 and 5690

I reside in Smithfield with my wife and 2 elementary aged children. The issue with affordable LMI housing being pursued here as well as many other towns and cities is that is being done for profit and not out of true necessity and consideration of the community. We have a proposal being put forth right in our neighborhood that the developers are trying to portray as needed. In their presentation to the community, when pressed as to why they could not just build homes that meet the current zoning requirements, they indicated that there is no profit in single home building! "We make our money on the LMI units." This circumventing of the established zoning, disregard for the town Comprehensive Community Plan and disregard for the natural environment in pursuit of profit must be stopped.

Please support this legislation and give the towns and cities back the power to shape the way their communities develop. The people in our local town hall- the people of our community- should not have to tell us that their hands are tied anymore.

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