

April 2, 2025

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

Re: Conceptually Supportive with Comments on H6068

Dear Chairman Casey and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Housing Network of Rhode Island, our member agencies, and the low income Rhode Islanders we serve, I write to offer our conceptual support on H6068, a bill that seeks to expand access to and transparency around the upcoming affordable housing opportunities.

We are pleased to see housing remain such a high priority item in the House and appreciate the bill sponsor's creative thinking regarding addressing the barriers that Rhode Islander's face in accessing new affordable housing opportunities as they become available. Conceptually we are supportive of what is being proposed but would welcome the opportunity to work with Representative Noret on the mechanics of executing the proposed endeavor to aid in maximizing effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my comments of the concepts proposed in **H6068**. I am available to answer any questions you might have and can be reached at 401-721-5680 ext. 104 or mlodge@housingnetworkri.org.

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