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The Honorable Stephen Casey,

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

Re: Yes to Oversized Lot Splits and Minimum Lot Size Reform (H5963 and H5964) ✓

Dear Chairman Casey and Members of the Committee,

I'm writing to express my strong support for two bills that would make a real difference in how Rhode Island tackles its housing shortage: H5963, which would allow oversized lots to be divided for new homes, and H5964, which would enable smaller homes to be built on smaller lots, especially near transit and existing infrastructure like municipal water and sewer.

These reforms are common-sense changes that reflect how Rhode Islanders already feel. According to a recent YouGov poll, most voters—across the state—support the right for homeowners to split their lots when it fits with the neighborhood, and even more support smaller homes on smaller parcels when transit and services are nearby.

Land costs make up the bulk of home prices in our state. By updating outdated zoning rules, these bills can open up more opportunities for new housing that people can actually afford—without sacrificing quality or character. They'll help create housing options for families at every stage of life, and allow more Rhode Islanders to put down roots in the communities they love.

I appreciate the leadership behind these proposals, and I respectfully urge the committee to move both H5963 and H5964 forward.

Sincerely,

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