Chairman Casey and Honorable Committee members,

My name is Daria Phoebe Brashear; I live in the Edgewood section of Cranston. Today I write to you in support of House Bill 5964.

Rhode Island continues to suffer from insufficient housing and resulting issues with affordability; even as we add more houses we are burdened in many cases with excessive lot size restrictions.

Smaller homes on smaller lots enjoy broad public support in Rhode Island, allowing development of more, and more affordable, houses by using less land to do so and thus allowing more houses to exist closer to our existing urban and suburban amenities. Smaller houses use less resources and are less of a burden on their communities.

Please support bills HB5964 so we may create better and more affordable housing options in Rhode Island.

Sincerely, Daria Phoebe Brashear