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Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2026 1:51 PM
To: House Municipal Government and Housing Committee
Subject: SUPPORT -- House Bill No. 8005 An Act Relating to Towns and Cities -- Zoning Ordinances

RE: House Bill No. 8005 -- ENTITLED, an Act Relating to Towns and Cities -- Zoning Ordinances -
- Amends the standards and limitations on permitted parking requirements for dwelling units.

Dear Chairman Casey and Members of the House Municipal Government and Housing Committee,

I am writing in **support** of House Bill No. 8005, which updates parking standards within local zoning ordinances.

Parking requirements—often called *parking minimums*—have long been part of local zoning codes. These rules typically require a minimum number of off-street parking spaces per housing unit. While well-intended, these requirements can significantly influence how housing is designed, where it can be built, and how much it costs to develop.

Many communities are beginning to explore more flexible parking standards, particularly in areas served by public transit, in walkable neighborhoods, or in mixed-use corridors with nearby services and amenities. In these locations, allowing flexibility in parking requirements can help land be used more efficiently while supporting housing opportunities.

House Bill 8005 allows municipalities to modernize zoning practices to better reflect how communities function today while supporting thoughtful housing development. I strongly urge this Committee to support House Bill No. 8005. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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