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Dear Chairman Casey and members of the Committee, South County Habitat for Humanity writes to voice its opposition of H7564

Habitat for Humanity prioritizes accessibility and adaptability into its homes, utilizing best practices for universal design whenever possible. That being said, the legislation being proposed creates startling barriers to development without having a significant impact on the overall need of individuals with disabilities or limited mobility.

We encourage the bill sponsors to work with the development community, both for and non-profit, to create a solution that allows for the greatest impact to support Rhode Islanders without having a negative impact on the number of units we can produce. We have 36 years of experience and access to the expertise of over 1,100 Habitat affiliates across the country. We look forward to being a partner in the creation of truly impactful legislation.

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