

HB 7564 Home-Fit dwelling units

To: Chairman Casey and members of the House Municipal Government and Housing Committee,

I am Dan Liparini, a resident of North Kingstown, and I am writing to you in support of the Home-Fit bill. This bill would help alleviate a growing issue in Rhode Island – safe living for our increasing population of Senior Citizens.

Our current and new housing stock is not adequately addressing the major issues faced by many of our Senior Citizens – decreasing mobility, reduced stability and safe movement in homes that have not been designed with the issues seniors face.

This bill requires that in certain new housing developments, a portion of the units are designed for better accessibility. It applies to new housing developments with four or more units that either received state financial assistance or are built on state-owned or quasi-state land.

Typically, the modifications are pretty minor – no-step entrances, wider doorways, accessible kitchens and bathrooms and wall that can support grab bars. These commonsense changes will make more housing available for older adults to safely live in.

Please support this bill to keep Rhode Island welcoming for older adults.

Dan Liparini