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Representative Stephen M. Casey, Chairman
House Municipal Government and Housing Committee
82 Smith Street
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RE: 2026-H 7777

Dear Chairman Casey,

I am writing to you and the members of the Municipal Government and Housing Committee in support of House Bill 2026 -H 7777.

Currently the City of Warwick's Municipal Court can only hear violations related to City Ordinances, specifically zoning and code of ordinances. With the approval of this Bill, the City of Warwick's Municipal Court would be able to hear building code violations. The passage of this legislation will benefit the Warwick Building Department in expediting the hearing process locally.

An additional benefit for the residents of Warwick will be the reduced cost incurred when being represented at the hearing. At local municipal court, typically residents may represent themselves versus obtaining the legal services of an attorney.

In closing I respectfully request your support in passing this legislation, 2026-H7777 Warwick Municipal Court. Thank you for your dedication to serving our community and state.

Sincerely,

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Director and Building Official