

## HB 8021 Inclusive Home Design Act

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

My name is Dan Liparini, a resident of North Kingstown, and I am writing in support of this bill.

As our population in Rhode Island continues to age, we need to ensure our housing stock is “friendly” to both residents and visitors.

This bill would require most new homes, beginning July 1, 2027 to have at least one floor that is accessible for people with mobility issues. This would include features like zero-step entry, wider doors and hallways, and other basic “visitability” features.

It is important that we do all we can to enable people as they age to stay comfortably in their homes to also downsize to newer homes that they can easily live in.

Please support this important bill.

Dan Liparini