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Subject: Rhode Island housing

Ms. Speakman,

I am a 71 year old veteran and I have been trying hard to move closer to my family who reside in Barrington.

I was very happy to find that there was a law passed that allowed for auxiliary dwelling units for elderly family members. My daughter and son-in-law have 5 children so living in their house is not an option.

I have been working on this project for a while and there is nothing but obstacles in my way.

First, when I applied for a building permit I was told by the Barrington building person that it didn't matter what the state laws were, that I needed to comply with the town regulations. Next, I found out that the company I was dealing with for a modular dwelling did not participate in the IIBC, so I would not be allowed to have that building to live in, in Rhode Island. I also looked at companies that are compliant and they are at least twice as expensive.

Senior housing in the area is very limited and have long waiting lists.

I looked at "tiny houses" and the national tiny house groups rate Rhode Island as only 2 out of 10, for being friendly to the tiny house movement.

I am very dedicated to get into some type of housing in Rhode Island because I really enjoy the state and all it has to offer. For the short haul I will have to go back to work to be able to afford the high cost of housing and then continue to work out some type of auxiliary dwelling unit at my daughters house.

I'm sure you are aware of the housing issues in the state and I have no expectations that that anything can be done for the short haul, but I wanted to express my frustrations to make me feel better.

Thank-you for your service and dedication to helping the citizens of Rhode Island

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