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Clerk Alexa Rocha,

The Honorable Senator Jacob Bissaillon  
Chair, House Committee on Municipal Government & Housing  
Rhode Island State House  
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Support for Senate Bill S2265 (Small-lot Size Reform)

Dear Chairman Bissaillon and Members of the Committee:

I am writing today in support of the proposed bill S2265, which would legalize homes on modest lots, creating more affordable housing opportunities for young families and downsizing seniors while also helping to preserve Rhode Island's farmland and forests.

Land is expensive in Rhode Island. The more land required to build a new home, the more expensive the home will be. Building homes on small lots used to be common practice in cities and village centers, but is no longer legal to build in much of the state without a special zoning exemption.

By allowing homes on lots as small as 5,000 square feet in areas with existing water and sewer infrastructure, S2265 would expand homeownership opportunities in walkable communities while directing growth away from rural land.

The bill also reduces excessive lot size requirements for small apartment buildings of two to four units, making it easier to build these "missing middle" homes and helping to lower costs for renters.

S2265 is a common-sense approach to increasing housing supply, improving affordability, and protecting the landscapes that make Rhode Island special.

Thank you,

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