

Senator Jacob Bissaillon, Chair  
Senate Housing and Municipal Government Committee  
Rhode Island General Assembly

Dear Chairman Bissaillon,

I am writing to express my support for S2268, the Faith-Based Affordable Housing Development Act, and to thank you for cosponsoring this important bill.

Earlier this session, I along with other members of the First Unitarian Church of Providence submitted petitions in support.

We explained that among our core Unitarian principles is the belief in the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We know that too many of our neighbors are unhoused, or are cost burdened trying to keep a roof over their heads.

And, from my own perspective as a practitioner of Lean process improvement methodology, I believe this bill is essential. Until we “lean” our building codes and regulatory processes, housing production is too often delayed and thwarted. This bill allows faith based institutions to cut through the red tape.

Thank you again for bringing this bill forward. I urge the Committee to recommend passage.

Sincerely,

Kate McGovern

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