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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 S2268

Dear Chairman Bissaillon and Members of the Committee:

I am writing today in support of the proposed bill S2268, which would allow faith-based institutions to build affordable housing on their land and create new opportunities for homes Rhode Island urgently needs.

Allowing faith-based institutions to use the property they own for affordable housing is a practical, common-sense solution to our state's housing shortage. Many of these institutions are deeply rooted in their communities and well-positioned to help meet the needs of our neighbors. I have seen these projects in operation, and they invigorate not just the lives of the residents - but of the faith communities who support these developments.

By creating a streamlined approval process for affordable housing development on faith-based institutional land, this bill would reduce unnecessary barriers and make it easier to bring new homes online. In doing so, it would help more families across Rhode Island afford to live in the communities where they work, worship, and have long-standing ties.

Importantly, the bill aligns with existing state and federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) rules and regulations, ensuring that these developments can move forward efficiently while maintaining high standards and accountability.

At a time when Rhode Island faces a critical housing shortage, S2268 represents a meaningful step toward expanding access to safe, affordable homes.

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