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

RE: S 2421

Dear Chairman Bissaillon:

The Executive Office of Housing (“EOH”) respectfully submits this letter of opposition to S 2421, which would weaken the Low- and Moderate- Income Housing (“LMIH”) Act, deter new housing development, and create a moving target for municipalities with regard to affordable housing.

This bill would exclude from comprehensive housing permits any community with an inclusionary zoning ordinance requiring all new housing developments be at least fifty percent (50%) deed-restricted affordable. While this may be a well-intentioned effort to increase the number of LMIH units, past experience and evidence from localities that have enacted such measures shows that they do not achieve this goal and, instead, deter new housing development.

Sincerely,

Deborah J. Goddard
Secretary of Housing

CC: The Honorable Members of the Senate Housing and Municipal Government Committee
The Honorable David P. Tikoian
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