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Subject: SUPPORT: SENATE BILL NO. 2484 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOME-FIT DWELLING UNITS
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SENATE BILL NO. 2484 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOME-FIT DWELLING UNITS {LC4636/1} (Creates the home-fit dwelling units act to apply to all new construction of covered dwelling units to incorporate design features that provide safe and convenient use of to the greatest extent feasible, regardless of age or physical ability.)

Chairman Bissaillon and members of the Senate Housing and Municipal Government Committee,

I am writing to you in support of Senate Bill No. 2584, the *Home-Fit Dwelling Units Act*. This bill ensures that certain new housing developments include a percentage of units designed with accessibility in mind. Features such as no-step entrances, wider doorways, and accessible bathrooms are simple but essential design elements that allow people to live safely and independently.

Rhode Island's older population is growing, yet accessible housing options remain limited. Many older adults face mobility challenges that make standard housing unsafe or difficult to navigate. This legislation supports aging in place while also benefiting people with disabilities and others who need safer, more adaptable living spaces.

By incorporating these features in new construction—particularly in state-supported developments—we can increase access to safe, functional housing without the need for costly retrofits later.

I respectfully urge you to support Senate Bill No. 2584. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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