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RE: H1111 An Act relative to housing production

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Dear Honorable Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee on Housing,

Thank you for considering *H1111, An Act relative to housing production* before your committee on September 29th.

The Commonwealth is not building enough housing. This bill specifically addresses the lack of multifamily housing and affordable housing. It seeks to remedy those challenges by changing zoning laws, creating financial incentives for development, and simplifying the permitting process. Affordability of housing is essential to a healthy economy. One of the ways to combat unaffordable housing is to increase the production of housing. If a person or a family is spending too much on their housing they will not be spending that money in the economy.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I respectfully request that *H1111*, *An Act relative to housing production* be released favorably and expeditiously from your committee.

Sincerely,

Paul Heroux