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RE: S119 An Act improving housing opportunities and the Massachusetts economy
DT: 19 January 2016

Dear Honorable Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Businesses,

Thank you for considering *S119, An Act improving housing opportunities and the Massachusetts economy* before your committee on October 10th.

I would like to draw your attention to one particular aspect of this bill that I find to be extremely important in mitigating the housing crunch and helping our seniors. Among many things, this bill would change the zoning laws by allowing accessory dwelling units (colloquially known as in-law apartments) to be permitted by right in all areas zoned as single-family residential. This would remove the burdensome task of appearing before the local board to request a variance making it easier for seniors to continue to live in the community while staying close to their family and maintaining their independence.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I respectfully request that *S119, An Act improving housing opportunities and the Massachusetts* be released favorably and expeditiously from your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Heroux".

Paul Heroux