



## Statement from the Housing Network of Rhode Island and Homes RI on Speaker Shekarchi's 2025 Housing Legislation

Providence, RI – The Housing Network of Rhode Island (HNRI) and Homes RI thank House Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi and members of the House of Representatives for prioritizing housing and advancing a comprehensive legislative package that supports increased opportunities to build more affordable homes.

As the cost of homes for sale and rent continue to rise, more and more Rhode Islanders are struggling to find affordable options, contributing to a worsening housing crisis. The only way to address these challenges is building more homes. We commend Speaker Shekarchi for championing legislation that builds on prior legislation and continues to make progress in streamlining processes and reducing barriers to residential development.

We look forward to reviewing the details of these bills, and remain committed to working alongside policymakers, advocates, and community stakeholders to develop and implement solutions that ensure all Rhode Islanders have access to safe, affordable, and stable homes.

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