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## Statement from the Housing Network on Speaker Shekarchi's 2026 Housing Legislation

PROVIDENCE – The Housing Network of Rhode Island thanks House Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi and members of the House of Representatives for continuing to prioritize housing by advancing a legislative package aimed at expanding and protecting affordable housing opportunities statewide.

As home prices and rents continue to rise, more Rhode Islanders are being priced out of the communities they call home, deepening our state's housing crisis. Addressing these challenges requires sustained investment and smart, effective policies that allow us to build more homes, streamline development processes, remove unnecessary barriers and strengthen housing stability.

This legislative package builds on prior efforts to reduce obstacles to residential development and represents meaningful progress toward increasing housing supply and affordability across Rhode Island.

The Housing Network remains committed to working alongside policymakers, advocates and community partners to advance solutions that ensure every Rhode Islander has access to a safe, affordable, and stable place to call home.

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**The Housing Network of Rhode Island (HNRI)** works to increase and preserve the supply of high-quality affordable homes across Rhode Island through coalition building, increasing public support, and policy advocacy. Our vision is that all Rhode Islanders live in safe, healthy, and affordable homes in thriving communities.