

Testimony on HB 572 Housing Champions bill

I am a parent of three children all in the 30s, all hard-working, independent people with good jobs. None can afford to buy a house, and two are stuck paying crushing large rents.

At the other end of the age spectrum, an increasing number of people over 65 are cost-burdened, largely due to housing costs, and more each day are slipping into poverty or even homelessness.

I support an “all of the above” strategy to expand our housing stock. Boosting funding for the Champions program must be considered. Housing stability is the key to many aspects of well-being. It is a smart investment in our state, and will keep social welfare costs down in the long run. And keep talented, energetic workers like my kids in the state.