



Re: Support for House Bill 572

Dear Chairman Alexander and Members of the Committee,

Housing Action NH is an statewide advocacy organization in support of policies that increase access to housing. Our members include housing developers, landlords, lenders, property managers, homeless service providers, and more.

We support House Bill 572.

Due to a limited supply, New Hampshire is facing a housing shortage leading to record high prices and vacancy rates below 1 percent. There are not enough homes for the people who live and work here, which is impacting our seniors, young families, and the workforce that keeps our economy growing.

The Partners in Housing program is an innovative idea that will help transform underutilized land into housing that is attainable to members of our workforce. To address our housing shortage, we must think innovatively and provide municipalities with a full array of options that work for them.

According to a survey of business leaders from the Center for Ethics in Society at Saint Anselm College and the BIA, over 86 percent of business leaders cited concerns about affordable housing as their top public policy issue. According to the University of New Hampshire's Granite State Poll, a lack of affordable housing was also the top issue facing New Hampshire voters.

Our businesses, our constituents, and our communities are looking for solutions. Housing Bill 572 represents a solution.

We ask that you support House Bill 572.

Respectfully,

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