



House Committee on Housing

House Bill 1009

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Chairman Alexander and Members of the House Committee on Housing,

My name is Matt Mooshian, and I live in Claremont. I also serve as the Advocacy and Engagement Director for 603 Forward, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization committed to empowering young people across New Hampshire. I am here to testify in opposition to HB 1009, a bill that would roll back recent parking reforms and remove an important tool communities can use to reduce costs and create more housing options.

Housing costs are out of reach for too many Granite Staters, and a major reason is that we have made it unnecessarily expensive to build homes. Mandatory parking requirements drive up construction costs, consume valuable land, and ultimately increase rents and home prices – especially for smaller, more affordable homes.

Last session, the Legislature took a meaningful step by reforming outdated parking rules so communities could allow housing that better matches real needs. Parking reform does not eliminate parking, it simply gives towns flexibility and allows the market and residents to decide how much parking is actually needed.

Repealing this reform would make it harder to build smaller homes, apartments for seniors, and housing for lower-income neighbors. It would reinforce a system where only high-cost housing is financially feasible, pushing more people out of New Hampshire altogether. I urge you to oppose this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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