



House Committee on Housing

House Bill 1010

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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 Program 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 1010, a bill that would roll back recently passed housing reforms and remove critical tools that allow homes near jobs and economic centers.

New Hampshire's housing shortage is hurting our workforce and our local economies. Teachers, childcare providers, nurses, service workers, and retail employees are increasingly unable to find housing they can afford near where they work. When working people are pushed farther away, businesses struggle to hire and retain staff, commute times increase, and communities lose their vitality.

Last session, the Legislature recognized this reality and passed commonsense reforms to allow more housing near jobs. These policies help ensure that people can live closer to where they work, reduce traffic and transportation costs, and support thriving Main Streets and small businesses.

Repealing these reforms would protect the broken status quo – one that prioritizes exclusion over opportunity and makes it harder for local economies to grow. Granite Staters agree that we don't have enough homes. Blocking housing near jobs only deepens that problem.

If we want strong communities, a stable workforce, and room for new businesses to grow, we must move forward. Please oppose this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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