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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB2506

Chair Dexter, Vice-Chair Gamba and Helfrich, and members of the Committee.

I am writing to share my thoughts on HB2506, which expands the definition of "residential homes" and "residential facilities" that local governments must approve under the same standards as other residential uses. Additionally, the bill provides attorney fees to applicants developing residential homes or facilities and to local governments that approve such applications for prevailing at Land Use Board of Appeals or on appeal from the board.

While I understand the importance of promoting affordable housing options for our community members, I also recognize the need to ensure that any new developments adhere to appropriate standards and regulations. As such, I believe it is crucial to consider both the potential benefits and challenges associated with this proposed legislation.

I look forward to learning more about the details and implications of this bill and hearing from all stakeholders involved in this issue. Thank you for your attention to this matter.