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On Behalf Of:

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I object to the proposal. State and local laws make it difficult to build new housing, this drives up demand. It is clearly a supply and demand issue for housing. Your answer is to cap rents, tie the hands of landlords and property owners when the government has caused the problem with housing development fee's and prohibitive construction conditions. This prohibits new housing starts. This proposal doesn't increase housing opportunities, it's a double standard that harms an already strained housing system.

Let the free market decide what the needs are. Incentivize new construction of additional housing and infrastructure instead of being a burden to free enterprise. The housing demand will soften if government simply gets out of the way and allows lands to be zoned and developed to meet the demand.

I ask that you deny the proposal.

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