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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2964

Please pass HB2964.

We are in a housing crisis in our communities. We require creative solutions to address rampant homelessness, which most likely will get worse in the coming years, given the Trump administration's dissolution of critical social services.

This bill would unlock vital land so faith communities (and other non-profits) can rise to the occasion of our housing crisis, and build housing for our neighbors who are desperate for a place to call home.

Housing supply is the linchpin of our housing crisis - available land is so often snapped up by the highest bidder for as much profit as possible. Our faith communities have land right in the heart of our communities, and a call to use their resources to serve the needs of their neighbors.

But these faith communities are land rich and cash poor. Again and again faith communities have hit a wall because they just can't cobble together the funds to push through the pre-development phase of housing projects.

Please pass this bill so non-profits have the funding they need and can address the housing crisis and help our neighbors secure safe places to live.

Thanks for your consideration.