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On Behalf Of:

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I have been watching with interest the work that our church and also that small congregations are trying to do to address the housing and un-housed challenges. I am aware that many small congregations have land they want to use to build housing for low-income families and individuals, but there are barriers to using that land, which include the costs of permits and planning. This bill will help make it possible to use that land to add to our housing availability and put people in neighborhoods where they can feel support and can thrive. Please help to make this possible. The need is great and the need is urgent.

Sincerely,

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