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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4035

Dear Senate Committee on Housing and Development,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 4035A, the Support Housing & Complete Communities bill. Our communities are in urgent need of housing, and this legislation is crucial to helping cities meet those needs.

HB 4035A is necessary to fix the restrictive eligibility requirements in SB 1537's Urban Growth Boundary amendment process that have prevented most cities from utilizing this critical housing production tool.

Specifically, I support the provisions that will:

Broaden eligibility to include simply cost-burdened households.

Clarify the land criteria for expansion by replacing the vague "undeveloped" standard.

Allow modestly larger expansions for cities over 25,000 as part of a complete community.

Extend the timeline to 2033 and allow for state grants to assist with implementation.

By making SB 1537 workable, HB 4035A offers our best chance to address existing housing underproduction and plan effectively for future development, maintaining the promises of affordability and livability across the state.

I urge you to pass HB 4035A.

Sincerely,

Micah Davis