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State House Room
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Representative,

As advocates for smart growth, sound planning, public health and sustainable development, we ask for your assistance in advancing S. 1019, the Comprehensive Land Use Reform and Partnership Act (CLURPA). This important legislation seeks to update antiquated planning and zoning laws to facilitate prompt and predictable permitting for jobs and housing, strong community planning, and natural resource and public health protection. We would like to see CLURPA advanced out of the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government in October.

On May 18th, the Committee heard overwhelmingly positive testimony regarding the need for zoning reform to be one of the issues the Legislature addresses this session to help make government more efficient and responsive. Having taken the summer to study the issue, the time has come for the Committee to take action by advancing this critical matter to the next stage in the legislative process.

Our organizations support CLURPA as the framework for zoning reform. We respectfully request that you show your support for CLURPA to the Municipalities and Regional Government Committee Chairs and communicate the importance of this balanced and reasonable proposal. Additional information regarding S. 1019 accompanies this request.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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