



# MEMBER COMMUNICATION

## HOME BUILDERS & REMODELERS ASSOCIATION OF CT

### HBRA OF CT IDENTIFIES HOUSING CREATORS PLEASE SUPPORT:

*The following bills will encourage housing production, help to improve the rental market and allow more families to attain the American Dream of homeownership.*

**1. H.B. 6786: AN ACT CONCERNING THE HIRING RATIO FOR SKILLED TRADES.**

- This bill is a pro-jobs and economic growth bill and is essential to increase housing production, training the workforce of the future and meeting the Administration's climate/energy goals.

**2. H.B. 6992: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE HOMES FOR CT LOAN PROGRAM.**

- CT has done a great job creating finance programs for low- and moderate-income earners. Now let's get to work to build the starter homes to help them build generational wealth.

**3. H.B. 5704: AN ACT CREATING A CONSTRUCTION PIPELINE PROGRAM.**

- This bill will help to fund pre-apprenticeship programs in our public schools, provide increased access to improved tax credits for employers hiring new construction apprentices, and more.

**4. H.B. 7113: AN ACT PERMITTING MUNICIPALITIES TO ESTABLISH LIGHT TOUCH DENSITY HOUSING.**

- This bill statutorily defines Light Touch Density (LTD) and allows towns to zone for LTD as-of-right where public sewer and water infrastructure already exists. This would allow for a low-cost, naturally occurring workforce housing that does not require new government bureaucracy, mandates, or subsidies.

**5. S.B. 1262: AN ACT REDUCING THE SALES AND USE TAXES FOR CERTAIN GOODS USED IN NEW HOUSING CONSTRUCTION.**

- If passed SB 1262 would reduce the sales and use taxes for personal property used in new housing construction to 3% where 20% of the units or a minimum of 50 units, whichever is less, are deed restricted. This will improve builder liquidity and incentivize increased housing production.

**6. H.B. 7035: AN ACT PROHIBITING A MUNICIPALITY FROM IMPLEMENTING A BAN ON MULTIFAMILY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.**

- Temporary bans on multifamily housing development arbitrarily delay housing development and should be prohibited. These bans are used as a pretense to plan for multifamily housing development when it is clear their purpose is to delay housing development and thereby extend our ongoing housing crisis.

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### HBRA OF CT IDENTIFIES: HOUSING KILLERS PLEASE OPPOSE

*It is the position of the HBRA of CT that the following bills would harm housing production, increase construction costs, and exacerbate the current housing accessibility and affordability crisis Connecticut is experiencing.*

**1. H.B. 7119: AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE, STATE FIRE SAFETY CODE, STATE BUILDING CODE AND ELEVATOR INSPECTIONS.**

- Strike Section 10 which would impose costly stretch codes and create regulatory fragmentation.

**2. H.B. 6955: AN ACT CONCERNING THE LIABILITY OF A CONTRACTOR FOR UNPAID WAGES OWED TO AN EMPLOYEE OF A SUBCONTRACTOR FOR PERFORMANCE OF LABOR ON A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT.**

- This bill would impose undue liability and regulatory burdens which will slow production and will result in increased costs to be passed on to the consumer.

**3. H.B. 6967: AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSIGNMENT OF POST-LOSS HOMEOWNERS AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY INSURANCE BENEFITS AND HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS AND SALESPERSONS.**

- This bill would impose regulatory burdens on contractors, restrict assignment of benefits and place homeowners in an even more unequal bargaining position with insurance companies.

**4. H.B. 5004: AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES AND ASSOCIATED JOB SECTORS.**

- This bill would impose stricter energy efficiency requirements for appliances and HVAC systems, increasing construction costs and also create regulatory uncertainty by giving DEEP carte blanche to expand regulated appliances.

**5. H.B. 5749: AN ACT CONCERNING ADVANCED SEPTIC SYSTEMS WITH NITROGEN-REMOVAL FEATURES.**

- This bill would allow DEEP to arbitrarily allow DEEP to designate "Environmentally sensitive areas" and mandate all new and replaced septic systems be equipped with costly nitrogen removal systems that require costly maintenance and continued monitoring and inspections.

**6. H.B. 6889: AN ACT CONCERNING EVICTIONS FOR CAUSE.**

- These added restrictions on property owners would make rental development less viable, reducing incentives to construct new multi-family units and rehabilitate older properties.

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