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Hello Chairman Klem and the House Committee,

I am testifying in support of HB 2003 as it will provide helpful tools in addressing the housing crisis that faces our state as well as reduce some barriers that increase the cost of housing.

With rising housing costs it is imperative that cities analyze their long term housing needs and adopt more effective strategies that meet them. One strategy, the allowing of churches and other places of worship to be able to develop unused land to house people is a smart policy and is a win-win for all parties.

Barriers to affordable housing currently include needlessly high local development charges and the obstruction and delay of process through legal challenges, usually by a small minority of homeowners. HB 2003 addresses both of these barriers.

With a severe housing crisis facing this state, it is imperative that we take innovative strategies to meet the challenge. HB 2003 has a number of such strategies and I urge for your support.

Thank you for your time,  
Best,  
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