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Co-Chairs Manning and Gomberg &
members of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and
Economic Development -

Your committee has done a fine job of working on the bill and including appropriate amendments, the A16 amendments.

I was surprised to learn today about a new amendment, **-22**. This appears to be an attempt to severely limit the application of this bill. Yes, requiring that all units created must be affordable to those making 80% of Median Family Income sounds like a good idea, but in reality it will mean that no market rate development using these provisions will happen.

This will deny people the opportunity to live in middle income neighborhoods. This will deny people who might buy or rent in one of two to four smaller homes built on a larger lot.

I urge you to consider whether this amendment is a realistic hope or would in practice remove most of the utility of this important bill. I would urge that you reject this last-minute amendment.

Thank you,

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