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As a person of faith, I feel a moral conviction to do what I can to end the suffering associated with not having the basic human needs met. I am talking about food, clothing and shelter. We have a shelter crisis in our state. Faith communities are stuck because we don't have the resources to do the important pre-development work that is required to create housing for people in need. These are nuts-and-bolts issues. And HB 2694 is a nuts-and-bolts solution, because it can bridge that gap we face and provide the necessary means for housing to be developed.

The passing of HB2694 would unlock at least 60 acres of lands that are "shovel ready." With small grant assistance, faith communities and non-profits across the state can then move forward and do the building that has been stalled up to the present time.

The impact of these small grants would be beyond a measurable dollar amount; it will be seen in the pride of families being able to have a place to call home.

For a win-win solution to move us forward on addressing the housing crisis, I strongly urge you to vote YES on HB 2694!