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Testimony In Opposition to

L.D. 427, An Act to Prohibit Mandatory Parking Space Minimums in State and Municipal Building Codes

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Senator Curry, Representative Gere, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development, the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future offers this testimony in opposition to **L.D. 427, An Act to Prohibit Mandatory Parking Space Minimums in State and Municipal Building Codes**.

Parking requirements are typically applied at the municipal level, and can sometimes have the effect of excessively driving up the cost of creating desperately needed housing units. In recent years, we have worked with the Legislature to apply reasonable limits on such requirements – for example, when homeowners are adding an accessory dwelling unit or developers are taking advantage of the statewide affordable housing density bonus.

This proposal, however, is much broader and would leave no room whatsoever for the reasonable regulation of parking for housing or any other kind of development. While we look forward to working with the Committee on a number of potential reforms that would support greater efficiencies and lower costs for housing creation, we see L.D. 427 as an overreach and therefore oppose it.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.