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Testimony In Support of

L.D. 2079, An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Municipal Reporting on Residential Buildings

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Senator Curry, Representative Gere, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development, my name is Greg Payne and I serve as the Senior Advisor on Housing Policy in the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future. I am here today to offer testimony in support of **L.D. 2079, An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Municipal Reporting on Residential Buildings**.

This bill seeks to make small changes to important legislation approved last year requiring certain communities to provide annual information to MOCA about the housing units they approved for building, demolition and occupancy during the prior calendar year. L.D. 2079 makes this critical information easier for municipalities to provide by aligning the categories of housing with those already sought by the U.S. Census Bureau, and extending the annual reporting date from January 31st to March 31st.

Understanding the amount and types of housing being built, demolished and occupied in our state each year will allow local, regional and state stakeholders to make better and more informed decisions about housing policy. We appreciate the work being undertaken to pull such information together, and support the changes laid out in this bill which will make that task easier for our local partners.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions.