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Good morning and thank you for this opportunity to comment on several of the bills on your agenda today.

Our Office also supports Raised Bill No. 852, AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING INITIATIVES. Supportive Housing models enable people who, for a variety of reasons, have difficulty maintaining a stable household to do just that – maintain a stable home. The primary problem with supportive housing is that there is not enough of it. The bill would expand the number of agencies whose clients could potentially benefit from supportive housing. Ultimately, however, the number of people who will actually benefit depends on resources that will be invested.

Thank you for your attention. If you have any questions, I will try to answer them.