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Housing Committee  
Public Testimony  
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#### TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 5437 AN ACT CREATING INCENTIVES FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS TO LIVE IN URBAN AREAS

Dear Senator Dante Bartolomeo, Representative Larry Butler, Senator Paul Doyle, Representative Kim Rose, Senator John McKinney and Representative Lawrence Miler and members of the Housing Committee,

I submit this testimony in support of House Bill 5437, AN ACT CREATING INCENTIVES FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS TO LIVE IN URBAN AREAS.

This bill has the intention of encouraging young professionals to stay within our state and help foster the growth and vitality of essential urban centers. As you are aware, Connecticut is a very difficult state to begin a career and family due to the high costs of living and increasing costs of housing. With the addition of mounting student loan debt in recent years, finding housing that does not take more than 30% of your income after taxes and student loan payments can be extremely difficult in Connecticut. Being a young professional and Realtor myself, I can testify to the daily struggles of young professionals in Connecticut to find affordable housing that meets the social and economic needs of our upcoming generations.

This proposal would make these urban areas more attractive to professionals that may be new to the workforce while also creating an incentive for developers to redevelop our stagnant housing markets in our state's cities. As more and more young professionals leave our state, thus leaving behind a very bleak economic future for Connecticut, this proposal could be a way to incentivize these individuals and families to invest in Connecticut's future while positively impacting economic growth for years to come.

I urge the committee's favorable consideration of House Bill 5437.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Davis".

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