

To: Planning and Development Committee

From: Nancy and Philip Martin

RE: Support of Proposed Bill No. 6646 - An Act Concerning Crumbling Concrete Foundations.

We are writing in support of the proposed Bill No. 6646 – An Act Concerning Crumbling Concrete Foundations.

In 2016, we discovered that the foundation of our home, built in 1984, had a crumbling foundation. My husband and I are retired and our home was paid for. It was devastating to discover that our most valuable asset was no longer an asset, but rather a major liability, upending years of retirement planning. Thanks to a great deal of grassroots activism, state funding administered by CFSIC became available. Tax relief was also provided by our town which allowed us to save money for repairs. Our home was repaired in the winter of 2020. If not for state funding and tax relief, we would have had to live in the house until it was unsafe, and then walk away from it. There were and are few other options. It is essential that the sunset date for CFSIC be extended, funding provided, and tax relief made available to help the many families waiting in various queues for help, and for those who do not yet know or acknowledge their foundation problem. The legislature must vote to help families who, through no fault of their own, find their most valuable asset, close to worthless. Please support HB 6646 and future legislation to aid families with crumbling foundations.

Sincerely,

Nancy and Philip Martin

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