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Senate Local Government Committee  
Senate Room B  
General Assembly Building  
201 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Chair McPike and Members of the Senate Local Government Committee,

I'm John Musso, Government Affairs Manager at the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Chamber, I am expressing our support for three housing related bills – SB932, SB1178 and SB1351 – and we urge you all to please support all three bills in the Committee meeting tomorrow morning.

SB932 would enable homeowners across the Commonwealth to build accessory dwelling units, providing flexibility to homeowners and expanding this tool to address our housing needs to the entire state.

SB1178 and SB1351 would streamline zoning and encourage localities to offer incentives for houses of worship and religious organizations to redevelop their properties to construct affordable homes, saving these organizations resources, sustaining them in their mission, and addressing communities' housing shortages.

We urge you all to please vote in support of all three bills. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Best Regards,

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