



PA Representative Jared Solomon  
7012 Castor Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19149

RE: Support for HB 581 – Affordable Housing Unit Tax Exemption Act

Dear Representative Solomon:

On behalf of the Philadelphia Association of Community Development Corporations and our 100+ Members, I am writing to express our strong support for the enactment of HB 581, the Affordable Housing Unit Tax Exemption Act. Our support, and that of many others, is based upon the reality that there is a severe and growing shortage of affordable housing in Philadelphia and across the Commonwealth. While this Bill alone will not resolve this issue, it is a needed tool for municipalities to utilize, should they so choose, that incentivizes the improvement, rehabilitation, and construction of safe and compliant affordable properties while helping to eliminate blight.

The good thing about this Bill, if enacted, is that it does not require anything of municipalities that choose not to participate. In places like Philadelphia, where the shortage of affordability is acute, we foresee this tool being used to help Community Development Corporations and other developers to create more affordable units across the City including in gentrifying neighborhoods. As the largest city in the US with the highest poverty rate, having another tool to address affordable housing would be a great step.

Thank you for your continued leadership and support of House Bill 581.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Toy', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Toy  
Policy Director, PACDC