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REMARKS CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR FY

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Good Morning - Senator Miller, Representative Napoli, Senator Hwang, Representative Piscopo, and distinguished members of the General Bonding Subcommittee. I am Seila Mosquera-Bruno, Commissioner of Housing. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Governor Lamont's Recommended Budget Adjustments for FY 27.

The Department of Housing is committed to its mission which is to ensure everyone has access to quality housing opportunities and options throughout the State of Connecticut. Many of our programs are aimed at preserving our existing stock of affordable housing, as well as capital funding for new development opportunities. Bond authorizations for the Department of Housing have averaged over \$400 million per year over FYs 2023 through 2026. In that time, the state has invested \$413.2 million for development projects adding new housing units across the state, \$117.7 million for projects to renovate the existing housing stock, and \$225.8 million in forgivable loans to first-time homebuyers. These investments have resulted in the new construction or preservation of over 8000 units of affordable housing.

Public Act 25-174 authorized funds for FY 2027 for programs that continue the work of addressing the state's shortage of available and affordable housing. On the start of FY 27, \$518.5 million in new funds become available for programs that, among other things, incentivize the construction of new housing, including \$50 million for middle housing development in towns with populations under 50,000. Existing capital authorizations also include an additional \$60 million for the popular Time to Own program, a forgivable loan helping first-time homebuyers with down-payments on a new home.

We have provided a packet of information including our project pipeline, a dashboard, a biannual report of our Bond authorizations pursuant to PA 24-151 section 62, and answers to questions provided by the nonpartisan Office of Fiscal Analysis.

We are ready to answer any questions the committee may have.