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**Overall goal of legislation:** Reform our state’s planning, zoning, and permitting laws to support communities that work for families and seniors. Great neighborhoods make it possible for young families and seniors to stay in their communities by providing housing choices. They support thriving local businesses and are healthy, walkable places that preserve open space. Supporting great neighborhoods is vital for the long-term economic success of our communities and our state.

**How we seek to accomplish this:**

1. **Supporting Neighborhoods and Families:** By providing more housing choices for families and seniors, people can stay in their communities. We should have more multifamily housing where it is needed and more accessory dwelling units so that more seniors and their grown children can live together.
2. **Healthy Communities:** Encourage healthy, walkable communities by adding multifamily housing where it makes sense, and (at the same time) providing the foot traffic that local businesses need to survive.
3. **Preserve Open Space:** Promote cluster development and reduce sprawl to save natural resources for future generations.
4. **Empowering Municipalities:** Improve the tools that cities and towns have at their disposal to support great neighborhoods, such as development impact fees and site plan review.
5. **Plan for the Future:** Strengthen local planning by making master plans easier to do and expanding local board training.

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