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Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of Sierra Club - Wisconsin Chapter and the Milwaukee-area Sierra Club- Great Waters Group, I am writing to express our strong support for the **Housing Element**. This updated proposal is a critical step toward addressing Milwaukee's housing shortage, supporting economic vitality, and ensuring equitable access to housing for all residents.

Milwaukee's limited housing supply contributes to increased costs, longer commutes, and reduced opportunities for families, seniors, and emerging homeowners. By updating outdated zoning and land use policies, the Housing Element will promote diverse housing types—including ADUs, duplexes, and small apartment buildings—and reduce barriers to development in areas with access to jobs and transit. As the plan changes and adapts, we also hope that organizations that represent neighborhoods with low home ownership should be actively engaged in making sure the plan includes paths to home ownership work in those communities.

These reforms are essential to meet current and future housing needs, improve residents' quality of life, and support inclusive growth across Milwaukee. We urge the Plan Commission to advance the Housing Element as a strategic move toward a stronger, more equitable city.

Thank you for your consideration,



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