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Last month, the House Housing and Community Development Committee passed a large package of bills to address the housing affordability crisis. Two of those bills, **House Bill 2109** and **House Bill 2186**, would preempt local government zoning authority. **The League is opposed to both bills**, as we argue a statewide preemption and mandate does a disservice to our more than 2,500 unique municipalities. There is no guarantee that either bill would actually help ease the housing crisis, and additionally, municipalities already have the power to make these changes if desired.

As you may know, the Shapiro Administration published the state's first Housing Action Plan. These two bills, and many others, are products of the plan. We are advocating for the preservation of local zoning authority in our opposition to the House Bills 2109 and 2186, and we will continue to do so if any future legislation threatens preemption.

We are aware that some of our members have made updates to their zoning ordinances, have taken on projects, or adopted housing initiatives to tackle this issue at the local level. To aid in our advocacy efforts, **we would like to gather more specific information about the ordinances, actions, and projects your community has undertaken in recent years to help ease housing affordability**.

Please take 2 minutes to complete this housing and zoning questionnaire.