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Chairperson and members of the Committee,

I stand before you to offer my strong support for the passage of House Bill 2704, also known as the No-Impact Home-Based Business Act. This legislation is a critical step forward in broadening opportunity, fostering innovation and supporting the entrepreneurial spirit that lies at the very heart of our state's ethos.

Fundamentally, this bill recognizes the evolving nature of work and commerce. With advances in technology and the increasing feasibility of remote operations, home-based businesses have proliferated, offering services and products that are as diverse as they are integral to our local and national economy. By limiting the extent to which municipalities can regulate such businesses, HB 2704 ensures that unnecessary bureaucratic barriers do not stifle the ingenuity and self-reliance of our citizens.

Additionally, this act prudently delineates what constitutes a no-impact home-based business, thus prohibiting activities that could potentially disrupt residential neighborhoods. In doing so, it strikes a careful balance between the entrepreneurial freedom of individuals and the quality of life enjoyed by entire communities. It reassures residents that while we encourage business endeavors, we also safeguard the homely character of our neighborhoods.

The passage of HB 2704 would affirm that home-based businesses, particularly those that are no-impact, are a legitimate and valuable part of our local economies. These businesses are often the first step for entrepreneurs, who one day may grow their ventures into enterprises that can contribute even more significantly to economic development and job creation. By enacting this bill, we directly assist the growth of small businesses, which are the backbone of our economy.