NH Businesses for Social Responsibility Leads Effort for Sensible Housing Solutions

NH Businesses for Social Responsibility (NHBSR) believes that fair and inclusive housing solutions are central to creating an inclusive economy – an economy that will provide the foundation for our communities to flourish, our citizens to thrive and our businesses to succeed.

By developing the Sensible Housing Principles, NHBSR is mobilizing NH businesses to show their support for policies and programs to increase access to safe and affordable housing for all our residents.

“Concern for community is a core principle of cooperatives. Like all socially responsible businesses, the Hanover Co-op supports actions that grow thriving communities where people can afford to live. An affordable home is the foundation of success for every stage of life. Our support for these housing principles is unwavering.” says Allan Reetz, Director of Public and Governmental Affairs at Hanover Co-op Food Stores.

Hanover Co-op Food Stores is a long-time advocate for affordable workforce housing, food security, wage fairness and public transportation in the Upper Valley Region of Vermont and New Hampshire. The Hanover Co-op’s experience, expertise and support, along with that of other NHBSR’s advocacy committee members, including Hypertherm, ReVision Energy, Worthen Industries, MegaFood, Stonyfield Farm and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health, have proven foundational to the creation of the Sensible Housing Principles.

“Our employees are the heart of our business,” says Sue Melvin, Vice President of HR at Stonyfield Farm, another Sensible Housing Principles signatory, “and while we offer competitive compensation and benefits, the housing crisis puts pressure on availability and the cost of living that impacts our ability to recruit and retain the talent we need to support our growing operations. Stonyfield is proud to stand with other business voices to promote policy and programs that advance sensible housing solutions for New Hampshire.”
To learn more about the Sensible Housing Principles and how to add your companies name among the list of signatories, visit nhbsr.org/housing or email michelle@nhbsr.org.

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