



March 12, 2025

The Honorable Joseph J. Solomon, Jr. Chair  
House Corporations Committee  
Rhode Island House  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

RE: BILL NUMBER H-5552 – AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS --  
PROTECTING RHODE ISLANDERS FROM COERCIVE ECONOMIC TACTICS AT GROCERY STORES

Chair Solomon and Honorable Committee Members,

On behalf of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns, I write to express our strong support for House Bill 5552, which would create a new chapter to protect Rhode Island consumers from coercive tactics at grocery stores, ensuring price fairness for residents in all 39 municipalities.

The League recognizes the importance of fostering a fair and transparent marketplace for all Rhode Islanders. House Bill 5552 addresses an issue that impacts families and individuals across the state, unfair pricing strategies that often exploit consumers at grocery stores. By implementing measures to guard against these tactics, this legislation will help ensure that our residents are treated equitably, regardless of their municipality.

The League believes that this bill will create a more level playing field, providing protection to Rhode Island consumers while supporting local governments in their efforts to uphold the well-being of their communities. It aligns with our ongoing commitment to advocate for policies that promote fairness, integrity, and transparency in business practices across our cities and towns.

We respectfully urge committee support to pass House Bill 5552 and are confident that this important step will strengthen Rhode Island's commitment to consumer protection and ensure that all Rhode Island residents are treated with fairness and respect.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

We believe House Bill 5552 will positively impact municipalities and residents alike and appreciate you taking the time to consider our perspective.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Rossi", is positioned above the printed name.

Randy R. Rossi  
Executive Director

Cc: Honorable Members of House Corporations Committee