



January 20, 2026

The Honorable Joseph J. Solomon, Jr., Chairman  
House Corporations Committee  
State House  
Providence, RI 02903

Re: H.7065, An Act Relating to Health and Safety – Truth in Food Disclosure Law

Dear Chairman Solomon,

The undersigned members of the Rhode Island Business Coalition are writing to express concerns regarding House Bill 7065, which would mandate a 50% reduction in added sugars in all liquid beverages sold in Rhode Island effective January 1, 2030. While the Coalition supports efforts to promote public health and informed consumer choice, we have serious concerns regarding the feasibility, economic impacts, and unintended consequences of the requirements in this legislation.

This requirement would significantly limit consumer choice and drive some products out of the Rhode Island market altogether. Businesses may be forced to remove popular products rather than reformulate them, which would reduce selection for consumers and negatively affect sales for local retailers. This would be particularly impactful in Rhode Island where so many of our small businesses operate within close driving distance of bordering states.

As members of the business community, we are committed to working to find solutions that advance public health goals while supporting a healthy and thriving business environment. We urge the legislature to work with stakeholders to explore alternative approaches that advance these goals without imposing undue harm on Rhode Island businesses, such as targeted educational campaigns, or incentive-based programs.

Thank you for your consideration of our position on this issue in opposition to H7065. We look forward to continuing the conversation and collaborating to develop policies that benefit both public health and the business community.

The Rhode Island Business Coalition represents 50 industries and 6,280 businesses that employ 231,200 people throughout Rhode Island.

Sincerely,

East Greenwich Chamber of Commerce

National Federation of Independent Business

Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce

Rhode Island Beverage Association

Rhode Island Hospitality Association

Small Business Economic Summit Regulations Subcommittee

Small Business Summit Tax and Budget Committee

cc. House Corporations Committee members