

January 30, 2026

The Honorable Joseph Solomon
Chair, House Committee on Corporations
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Chairman Solomon and Members of the House Corporations Committee,

On behalf of the Rhode Island Hospitality Association (RIHA), I write in regard to H 7022 to respectfully request an amendment related to the notice requirements for credit card surcharges.

H 7022 establishes a requirement that businesses imposing a credit card surcharge provide clear and conspicuous notice to customers at the point of sale. RIHA supports transparency for consumers and believes notice at the point of sale or payment, or upon the presentation of a bill would achieve that goal.

We are concerned, however that as drafted, the requirements imposed on restaurants and food service establishments creates unnecessary operational burdens without providing meaningful additional consumer benefit. Menu printing and reprinting costs are significant for restaurants, particularly for small and independent operators, and surcharge amounts may fluctuate over time based on processing costs.

To preserve transparency while avoiding undue burden on restaurants, we respectfully request the following amendments to H 7022:

- Page 1, Line 7: before the period, insert “or upon the presentation of a bill”
- Page 1, delete subsection (c) on Lines 8–9

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued attention to issues impacting Rhode Island’s hospitality industry.

Sincerely,

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President/CEO