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**From:** Mark Chittim <mchittim@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 16, 2025 4:01 PM  
**To:** Senate Finance; House Finance Committee  
**Cc:** Meg Grady  
**Subject:** Support Senate Bill No. 0845 and House Bill No. 6145 – Relating to Human Services – Rhode Island Meals on Wheels Inc. Fund e

Attn: Chairmen Louis DiPalma and Martin Abney,

As a volunteer with Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island, I'm writing to express my strong support for House Bill 6149 and Senate Bill 0845 – Relating to Human Services – Rhode Island Meals on Wheels Inc. Fund.

These bills would establish a dedicated fund supported by voluntary taxpayer donations to help Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island continue providing essential services to older adults across the state. These funds would directly support meals, wellness checks, and social connections for individuals who are often isolated and at risk of going hungry.

In 2024, Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island served over 3,700 individuals, and the need continues to grow.

I have been a volunteer for several organizations in my life. From activities involving my children to organizations whose specific aim is to assist people in our society who are less fortunate than most. Meals on Wheels has exhibited to me that they are a caring organization whose primary objective is assist people in our state who would go hungry without their support.

With rising food costs and an aging population, this legislation comes at a critical time. Supporting it would help ensure that no Rhode Island senior goes hungry or feels forgotten.

Thank you for considering this important legislation. I urge you and the committees to support its passage.

Sincerely,  
Mark Chittim  
East Greenwich, RI