

Re: House Bill No. 6149 – Relating to Human Services – Rhode Island Meals on Wheels Inc. Fund

April 24, 2025

Dear Chairman Abney,

On behalf of SACRI, we urge support for the passage of House Bill Number 6149 – Relating to Human Services – Rhode Island Meals on Wheels Inc. Fund.

In 2024, Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island, Inc. (MOWRI) served 3,738 Rhode Islanders at-risk of food insecurity, isolation and loss of independence. In 2025, the organization is reaching new populations and deepening its impact statewide. However, the rising cost of food, combined with the aging population, creates a unique challenge for the organization. Additional funds raised through the Rhode Island Meals on Wheels Inc. Fund will assist the organization in serving more people and ensure its sustainability for the future.

Any additional funding that will help that more older adults and adults with disabilities receive nutritional support is welcome, particularly in these uncertain times.

We urge passage.