



April 10, 2025

To: Chairman Marvin Abney, House Finance Committee

Re: H6149, The Rhode Island Meals on Wheels Inc. Fund

Dear Chairman Abney:

I am writing to pledge Age-Friendly Rhode Island's full support of H6149 and Meals on Wheels efforts to establish a separate fund within the general fund, to which Rhode Islanders can donate in support of this most worthy, life saving cause.

As the Executive Director of Age Friendly Rhode Island, I can state that all of our 60-plus coalition members who are devoted to healthy aging are worthy of our support, but none more than Meals on Wheels. From combatting food insecurity to social isolation and providing supports for Rhode Islanders to maintain their independence and remain in their neighborhoods and homes of origin, they are heroes of aging well in our state. Please help facilitate greater support of their work and increased financial support of this great cause through passage of this bill. If selecting Meals on Wheels as the sole recipient of my donation becomes an option, I will certainly elect to do so.

Finally, should you need further testimony or information regarding our support of S0845, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

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