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To: House Finance Committee
Cc: Meg Grady
Subject: Support for H 6149 and S 0845 – Meals on Wheels Fund

Dear Chairmen Abney and DiPalma,

As a past board member, volunteer and supporter of 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 spent over 10 years involved with Meals on Wheels of RI as a board and committee member and continue to remain astonished by the work they do and the impact it has on the state. I have seen first-hand and talked to so many who have volunteered and received these life-saving services. 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 committee to support its passage.

Sincerely,

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