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Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2025 10:19 AM
To: House Finance Committee; Senate Finance
Cc: Meg Grady
Subject: Support for H 6149 and S 0845 – Meals on Wheels Fund

Re: Senate Bill No. 0845 and House Bill No. 6145 – Relating to Human Services – Rhode Island Meals on Wheels Inc. Fund

Dear Chairmen Abney and DiPalma,

As a 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 propose creating a dedicated fund, fueled by voluntary contributions from taxpayers, to support Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island in delivering critical services to older adults statewide. The funds would go directly toward providing nutritious meals, regular wellness checks, and meaningful social interactions for individuals who are often isolated and vulnerable to hunger.

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

I first got involved with Meals on Wheels of RI in the 1990's volunteering with my grandparents to deliver meals to those in need. Today I server as Treasurer for the organization and volunteer with my own two sons delivering meals during school breaks.

As food prices continue to climb and our population grows older, this legislation arrives at a pivotal moment. Backing it would help guarantee that no senior in Rhode Island faces hunger or feels overlooked. Thank you for your attention to this vital matter. I respectfully urge you and the committee to support its passage.

Sincerely,

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