## **Chris O'Brien**

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**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2025 9:07 AM

**To:** House Finance Committee **Subject:** Please Support H 5529

Dear Chair and Members of the House Finance Committee,

My name is Helen Hames, and I am writing to express my strong support for H 5529 to expand eligibility for the Medicare Savings Program.

As a Senior Advisor who helps older adults and families plan for aging in place at home, I see firsthand how critical programs like this are. Many older adults live on fixed incomes that do not stretch far enough to cover both medical expenses and the supports needed to remain safely at home. Expanding eligibility would provide essential relief to those who are striving to maintain their health, dignity, and independence.

Passing this bill would not only ease the financial burden on vulnerable older adults, but it would also strengthen their ability to age well within their communities — something we all hope for ourselves and our loved ones.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to the well-being of Rhode Island's aging population.

Sincerely,

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