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The Honorable Marvin L. Abney
Chair, House Finance Committee
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

re: support of H6128 – long term funding of 988 Lifeline

Dear Chairman Abney and Committee Members:

The Rhode Island State Council of Churches **strongly supports passage of H6128**, legislation that would enact long-term funding for Rhode Island's Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

Budgets are moral documents – they represent both our financial considerations and the depth to which we are willing to prioritize resources for the most vulnerable in society.

Rhode Island's 988 Suicide and Crisis Line not only saves lives, it also diverts callers into a broader continuum of care, reducing the burden on statewide emergency services and ensuring that individuals experiencing mental health crisis' receive immediate and appropriate attention.

As people of faith, we are called to remain focused on the needs of the most marginalized and to advocate for those whose voices are not heard or for those who fear speaking up.

We call on the House Finance Committee to prioritize funding for Rhode Island's Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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