

Dear Representative Abney and Members of the RI House Finance Committee,

I support House Bill 8195, the Rhode Island Local Investment Tax Credit Act because it would be positive for Rhode Island and the people who live and work here.

Small businesses are key to Rhode Island's economy. They employ locals, purchase goods locally and generate income for themselves and the State. In addition, thriving small businesses are hubs around which communities can grow and thrive.

This bill would provide both a tax incentive and a vetted list of qualified businesses in which to invest, making it easier for both investors and small businesses seeking capital.

Please pass this bill.

Thank you,

Jennifer Brower, citizen

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