



State of Rhode Island
Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos

April 14, 2026

The Hon. Marvin Abney
Chair, House Finance Committee
82 Smith Street, Room 35
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Letter of Support for H7698: An Act Relating To Taxation -- Tax Credit For Food Donation

Dear Chair Abney:

I write to you in support of H7698: An Act Relating To Taxation -- Tax Credit For Food Donation. This bill will provide a tax credit for food donations by qualified taxpayers to nonprofit organizations up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per year.

The Rhode Island Community Food Bank reported that roughly 1-in-3 families in our state are going hungry. We must act with urgency and in deep collaboration with partners outside of the public sector in order to ensure that absolutely nobody in our state goes hungry.

This bill empowers any qualified taxpayer to make apparently wholesome foods to local nonprofits and credits them in an amount equal to 75% of the fair market value of the donated food. While thousands in our state have already stepped up to fill in the gaps by donating food and financial resources to local food banks, this bill further bolsters that effort by allowing people to recoup some of the costs associated with procuring and donating said food.

Addressing the hunger crisis in our state is an all-hands-on-deck issue. I am grateful to Representative McEntee for introducing this bill, and I urge you to vote it favorably out of committee.

Sincerely,

Sabina Matos
Lieutenant Governor, State of Rhode Island
CC: Representative Carol Hagan McEntee