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Chairman Abney and members of the House Finance Committee:

I write to you in **support** of House Resolution #8316 which seeks to continue state funding for Main Street Rhode Island, managed by Grow Smart RI.

The network currently spans across 28 of our 39 municipalities connecting local government, neighborhood associations, community development leaders, and small business owners at the same table to brainstorm and build strategies no individual community can generate on its own.

Healthy and vibrant Main Streets promote walkability and livable communities that are convenient and accessible for all people. This funding helps to promote the Main Street uniqueness that spans across our State.

I urge your support on House Resolution #8316.

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