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Hello,

I am writing to express my support for continued funding for the Main Street RI program. Armory Management Company and its affiliates have an over 40-year track record of high quality residential and commercial development in Rhode Island. We have also been long-term participants in one of the initial Main Street RI cohort organizations, Trinity Square Together, in Providence. Main Streets are some of the best loved and most economically productive acres in all of Rhode Island. They flourish best when there is a committed group of businesses, property owners, and neighbors working together to strengthen them.

We are strong believers in the economic benefits of Main Streets Organizations, and are excited to see the opportunity for them to build out in Rhode Island. We know from our development work, where we have invested millions of dollars into Main Street buildings across Providence, that a strong business requires a strong district. We often work off site—whether planting street trees and participating in neighborhood clean ups, or advocating for better services for our businesses—to get the best results for our properties and our tenants. The Main Streets program is bringing best-in-the-nation programming to Rhode Island to allow our Main Street leaders to gain essential skills, resources, and connections. The future of effective economic development is targeted placemaking organizations to make the most of our limited land and resources, while encouraging a virtuous cycle of neighborhood reinvestment.

With that in mind, as a small business owner, private developer, and investor of capital, I urge you to support and strengthen the Main Streets RI program. Our state needs and deserves great Main Streets.

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