

Dear Chairmen Abney:

I am writing to you indicating strong support for H7597 a bill that would make an appropriation of \$200,000 to RIBBA the premier organization serving Rhode Island's small Black businesses by providing much needed support in the vital areas of business development, entrepreneurship training, business advocacy, contracting, workforce development, and access to capital.

With a 16 year track record, we need to fund RIBBA now more than ever so that hundreds of individuals become productive members of our state both financially and civically.

Let's expand the pie!

Thank you!

Jim Vincent

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