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House Finance Committee

Re: In support of H 7259

Dear Chair Abney and Members of the Committee;

I'm writing in support of Representative Slater's bill to allocate \$3 million to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank.

I am Mary Wall, a retiree. I also am a constituent of Representative Edith Ajello.

In my role as a Board Member and Chair of the Finance Committee of the Rhode Island Community Food Bank, we have seen the increased demand for food throughout our State

We are concerned that we will see an even greater need once the full impact of federal HR 1.

We urge you to increase state funding to the Food Bank so that our network of food pantries and meal sites which distribute food to vulnerable Rhode Islanders can meet the growing need. Please pass **H 7259**.

Thank you for support of the Food Bank and all you do to reduce food insecurity in Rhode Island.

Sincerely,

M B Wall