

Dear Chairman Abney and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Carin Gillespie, and as a constituent from Gloucester, I write in strong support of H8171, the Food As Medicine Pilot Program Act.

I am a Community Health Worker employed by Meals on Wheels of RI. I am in daily contact with clients who benefit from our programs.

This legislation establishes a Food As Medicine Task Force to guide a targeted Medicaid pilot program. It builds on existing programs in Rhode Island and ensures future investments are data-driven and fiscally responsible.

I see firsthand how important medically tailored meals are to the people of this state. Our clients truly appreciate receiving nutritious home-delivered meals.

I respectfully urge the committee to support and pass H8171.

Sincerely,



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