

Dear Chairman Abney and Members of the Committee,

As a constituent from North Kingstown and as a member of the Board of Meals on Wheels Rhode Island, I write in strong support of H8171, the Food As Medicine Pilot Program Act.

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.

Food access, especially for Rhode Island's older adults and families, affects us all. The Task Force will help provide structure and build collaboration around this critical initiative.

I respectfully urge the committee to support and pass H8171.

Sincerely,

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