

Dear Chairman Abney and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Meals On Wheels of RI, and as a constituent from Providence, I write in strong support of H8171, the Food As Medicine Pilot Program Act.

My name is Mya Kemp and I work for Meals On Wheels as the home delivered program coordinator

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.

This legislation recognizes that access to nutritious, medically tailored food is a critical component of healthcare, not just a social service. By addressing diet-related chronic conditions at their root, the Food As Medicine Pilot Program Act can improve health outcomes, reduce preventable hospitalizations, and lower healthcare costs—while supporting vulnerable Rhode Islanders in maintaining independence and dignity.

I respectfully urge the committee to support and pass H8171.

Sincerely,
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