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Dear Chairman Abney and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of myself and my family, and as a constituent from Portsmouth, RI, I write in strong support of H8171, the Food As Medicine Pilot Program.

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 volunteer for my churches Community Ministry meals. Oceanpointe Christian Church is giving out food and making meals for people in our community who are mostly in shelters or are homeless. I see first hand how important having a balanced diet is. Food can heal your body and nurture your soul.

I respectfully urge the committee to support and pass H8171.

Sincerely,

Susan Berti