



State of Rhode Island
Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos

May 19, 2026

The Honorable Marvin Abney
Chair, House Finance Committee
82 Smith St
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Letter of Support for HJR8534: Joint Resolution Making An Appropriation Of \$850,000 For New Bridges For Haitian Success

Dear Chair Abney:

I write to you in support of HJR8534: Joint Resolution Making An Appropriation Of \$850,000 For New Bridges For Haitian Success. This resolution authorizes the appropriation of \$850,000 for New Bridges for Haitian Success for the purpose of residential property acquisition for transitional housing to support immigrants with TPS and asylum status, for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2027.

New Bridges for Haitian Success' mission is to empower and serve the Haitian and Afro-Caribbean communities by providing culturally attuned direct programs, legal services, basic needs, and partnerships. Their vision is to be the voice that strengthens and uplifts the Haitian and Afro-Caribbean community, so all members feel self-sufficient and included.

This allocation put forth will have a substantial impact on Rhode Island residents living with TPS and/or asylum status, helping them accessing housing and other important services. For these reasons, I urge you to vote this bill favorably out of committee.

Sincerely,

Sabina Matos

Rhode Island Lieutenant Governor

CC: Representative David Morales