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**Testimony in support of FY 2023 Articles 1, 8 and 9**

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Honorable Chairperson Abney and members of the House Finance Committee:

I am the founder and president of Eat Drink RI, one of the top media, marketing and event production companies in the region for all things culinary. As a small business owner who works with dozens of other small business owners, and as a board member of the RI Small Business Coalition, I support the proposed Small Business, Economic Development and proposed ARPA legislation in the FY 2023 budget.

Without belaboring the urgency and need of small businesses here in RI in 2022, the Small Business Development Fund, the economic development opportunities outlined in Article 9 and the ARPA proposals Article 1, Section 16, would all be very beneficial to not only food & beverage businesses in our state but almost all small businesses across every sector.

Respectfully, I urge you to pass these Small Business and Economic Development related articles in the budget forward to the full House for approval. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David S. Dadekian". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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