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To: House Health and Human Services Committee
Subject: Support of House Bill H5859

To whom it may concern,

As a resident of Richmond, Rhode Island, I believe the passing of Bill H5859 is absolutely imperative to protecting rising and existing small businesses in the state of Rhode Island. Rhode Island was one of the top 10 moved to states as of 2024, however it is one of the worst states to start a small business in. I believe that Bill H5859 will help to alleviate some of the "red tape" preventing small business from allowing restrooms on their premises with no need for a public well.

Informative and adequate signage clearly signifying to customers and employees that the running water is untreated and is not to be consumed as it is untreated, should be more than ample enough. To see that this is what's causing a roadblock in a very hardworking and compassionate group of entrepreneurs is a disgrace to the state of Rhode Island, as we should be encouraging and lifting up new businesses ventures. If we wish to ensure a welcoming and sustainable economy, future and environment here in Rhode Island, we must protect our small businesses and those who work so hard to provide for our communities.

Peeling back the corporate red tape that hinders the ability of these small businesses is a step in the right direction, as it alleviates the unnecessary rules and regulations that are currently set in stone. I wholeheartedly believe that our representatives, both state and federal, will make the right choice and help to ensure small businesses are protected too.

Best regard,

Zachary Grassi