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Dear Rhode Island House Judiciary Committee,

As a Rhode Island resident, I am writing to kindly urge you to support the passage of H.7056.

H.7056 will outlaw the cruel production and sale of foie gras from force-fed birds in Rhode Island. Foie gras, or “fatty liver,” is made by force-feeding ducks and geese restrained in small cages. A hard metal or plastic tube is shoved down their throats multiple times a day to engorge their livers up to 10 times their normal size. These birds experience debilitating injuries and diseases that would kill them if they weren’t slaughtered at just three months old.

Animal abuse of this extreme nature has no place in Rhode Island’s food system. Furthermore, the foie gras industry’s lack of popularity in our state ensures H.7056 will not negatively impact the local economy. Instead, the bipartisan ban will prevent egregious animal abuse and environmental degradation. Over a dozen countries, plus California, Pittsburgh, and New York City have enacted measures to prevent such harms. Rhode Island should do the same.

Please vote in favor of H.7056.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Signed,

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