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Dear Chairwoman McEntee and members of the Committee on the Judiciary:  
Please accept my comments in support of H 7644 which is scheduled for a hearing today. Unfortunately, due to the impacts of the blizzard, neither myself nor Robert Barge, Executive Director at Rhode Island Legal Services, will be able to personally testify in support of our bill. In a nutshell, H 7644 provides needed funding for Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc. without charging the budget while securing long term financial stability for an agency critical to the administration of justice in Rhode Island. Additionally, I will supplement this statement of support with forthcoming information and a letter(s) of support from the judiciary. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.  
Lastly, on behalf of Rhode Island Legal Services, I want to thank Rep. Felix for her leadership on this matter.

Warmest Regards,  
Lenny Lopes, on behalf of Rhode Island Legal Services

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