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Nellie M. Gorbea, *Secretary of State*

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The Honorable Carol Hagan McEntee  
Chair, House Committee on Small Business  
82 Smith Street, Providence, RI 02903

RE: H7095

Dear Chair McEntee and members of the committee:

I am writing today in support of H7095, which would impose a one-year moratorium on the enforcement of any municipal or zoning ordinance that would penalize small businesses for alterations or modifications made to comply with pandemic related emergency declarations.

I thank Chair McEntee and the sponsors for introducing this legislation. Rhode Island's small businesses have undergone significant changes since the onset of the pandemic and need all the assistance that we can provide.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nellie M. Gorbea".

Nellie M. Gorbea