

February 1, 2022

The Honorable Carol Hagan McEntee
RI House Committee on Small Business
RI State House
Providence, RI 02903

Re: H..7095 – An Act Relating to Towns and Cities – Zoning Ordinances

Dear Chairwoman McEntee:

On behalf of the RI Hospitality Association, we write in full support of H.7095, which would extend the zoning moratorium on zoning ordinances that impact outdoor dining.

If there is any silver lining to be found in the challenges of the last two years, it is the expansion of outdoor dining in Rhode Island. Restaurants across the state have made significant investments in expanding outdoor dining, with great success.

As we continue to navigate our recovery from the pandemic, it makes sense that businesses continue to be given the flexibility they need to be successful.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at 401-223-1120 or sarah@rihospitality.org.

Sincerely,

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