



March 13, 2025

The Honorable Evan Shanley, Chairman

Honorable Members of the House State Government and Elections Committee

Rhode Island State House

82 Smith Street

Providence, RI 02903

RE: Support for H5719

Dear Chairman Shanley and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of LeadingAge RI, I am writing to express our strong support for H5719 and to commend Representative Lauren H. Carson for her leadership in introducing this important legislation. Her commitment to older adults in Rhode Island is commendable, and we appreciate her efforts to enhance the coordination and effectiveness of services for our aging population.

H5719 represents a significant step forward in strengthening the infrastructure that supports older Rhode Islanders by establishing a permanent legislative commission on aging. This commission will play a crucial role in ensuring that policies and programs are effectively designed and implemented to meet the needs of our state's growing aging population.

As the association representing Rhode Island's nonprofit nursing homes and other service providers dedicated to aging Rhode Islanders, LeadingAge RI would like to formally request that we be added to the list of members on the Permanent Legislative Oversight Commission on Aging Rhode Islanders. Given our expertise in long-term care and senior services, our experience would be invaluable in informing the commission's work.

We urge the committee's full support of H5719 and look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the commission's important mission. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Shanley", is written over a horizontal line.

LeadingAge RI