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To: Chair Britto and Senate Commerce Committee Members,

I am writing to you today to urge your support for the passage of S2644 which bans restrictive covenants in terms of stores. As a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, I volunteer with a statewide program called Loaves and Fishes. Once a month our parish makes hot lunches and bagged lunches and distributes them to people in need in Woonsocket. We also distribute women's and men's clothing. It is apparent that many people do not have the basic necessities to survive.

I was appalled when I learned that Woonsocket, a city of over 43,000 residents has one grocery store and that people without cars have to take two buses to get to a grocery store. I was outraged to find out the reason for this situation which is basically the greed of some stores to limit competition. This has got to stop. I implore you to get this legislation passed as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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