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Chair Britto and Members of the Senate Commerce Committee:

I am writing to urge you to favorably consider S 2644 which, if enacted, would allow more grocery stores to open in food deserts like Woonsocket. This bill is needed to counteract actions by certain large regional- and national-level corporations. Some large businesses have taken actions (such as restrictive covenants for grocery stores) that have inhibited the growth of prosperity in small communities by blocking establishment of small businesses needed to provide basic goods and services. Volunteer actions, such as the Loaves and Fishes ministry of St. Lukes Episcopal Church in East Greenwich, can help alleviate some of these needs. However, community requirements are best met on a daily basis by small businesses located within the community. S 2644 has the potential to remove some obstacles to increasing the prosperity and quality of life of both underserved communities like Woonsocket and of communities adjacent to them. Please give it your close attention and favorable consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this vital issue and for and public service.

Respectfully,
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