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April 9, 2026

The Honorable Louis P. DiPalma
Chair, Senate Committee on Finance
82 Smith Street, Room 211
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Pay for Success

Dear Chairman DiPalma,

I am the Chair of the Board of the Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness. I joined the Board, three years ago when individuals experiencing homelessness were huddled under the overpasses of Interstate 95 in Pawtucket. Every day, I drove by feeling a sense of frustration, shame and despair thinking there must be something we can do in the smallest state in the nation to end homelessness.

As Chair of the Coalition and as a taxpayer in Rhode Island, I believe that the Pay for Success pilot program is a solution to end chronic homelessness. This program is unique in many innovative ways. Service providers are only paid when successful with clients. By providing wrap around supportive services, they prepare clients to enter a lease agreement that leads to keys to an apartment home. Once housed, case managers continue to work with clients to ensure they receive needed support. Outcomes to date are very positive but mark just the beginning of what we can achieve.

We are ending vicious cycles of chronic homelessness, incarceration and frequent emergency room visits, ultimately saving our state, municipalities, hospitals, and department of correction quantitative savings of expensive and valuable resources. Three years into the program we have an approximate 90% success rate in keeping some of the most chronically homeless housed and I am proud of what has been achieved.


I have personally volunteered hundreds of hours with our staff, service providers, EOHHS and financial supporters including Maycomb Capital, the Rhode Island Foundation and Point 32 Health Foundation to insure this program is successful. I don't mention my involvement for thanks and praise but rather to personally ask you and members of the committee to continue to support this program.

We are asking for your support of the Governor's budget recommendation to continue this program. We need additional time to achieve full sustainability and to meet program goals. In

addition we respectfully request that the General Assembly provide additional housing funds specifically for the program so that we may continue and eventually expand it.

The Pay for Success program is an opportunity for the State of Rhode Island to lead the nation in ending chronic homelessness. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kimberley B. Rohm". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Kimberley B. Rohm

Chair

Board of Directors

Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness