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Senate Finance Committee

Re: In support of H S2237

Dear Chair DiPalma and Members of the Committee;

I'm writing in support of Sen. Mack's bill to allocate \$3 million to the RI Community Food Bank.

I am the Executive Director for Good Neighbors Community Kitchen and Food pantry. I also am a constituent of East Providence.

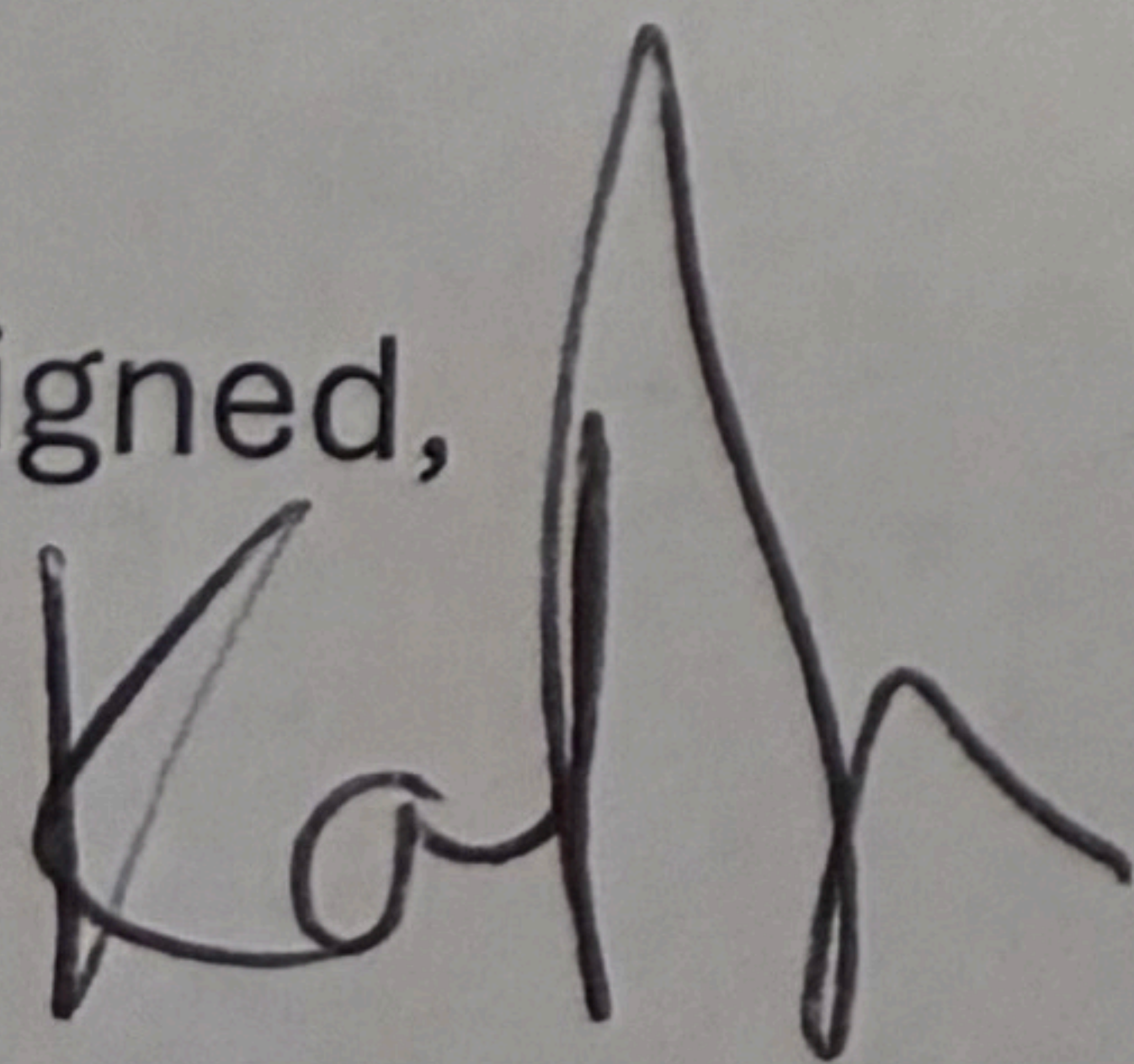
In my role, we have seen the increased demand for food over the last year. It is unprecedented. I am on the front lines of this crisis every day, and I can tell you that the range of guests accessing our services have grown to people of all walks of life. Food, a basic need, is no longer affordable for the working person. Everyone, but especially children, and our elderly population need us now more than ever.

We are concerned that we will see an even greater need once the full impact of HR 1 comes about.

We urge you to increase the state funding to the Food Bank so that organizations like mine can meet the growing need. Please pass **7S2237**

Thank you for support of the Food Bank and all you do to reduce food insecurity in Rhode Island

Signed,



Kate Mushipi

Executive Director

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