

May 5, 2026

Chairman Louis DiPalma
Senate Committee of Finance
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street rm 211
Providence, RI, 02903

Dear Chairman DiPalma and Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing to express strong support for S2252 sponsored by Senator Meghan Kallman, which would allocate \$75,000 in FY27 to Jewish Collaborative Services (JCS). This organization is a nonprofit organization that has served our community well for many years.

I have been involved throughout the years first as an employee and now as a member of the Board of Directors. I have personally encountered the amazing work of JCS in our community for everyone! Recently in my volunteer work I learned of an older gentleman who was new to our community. JCS welcomed him, provided him with meals and companionship through their senior meal site. In addition to this, he is helped by their Food Pantry. I recently learned that he also was assisted by JCS with needed funds for his monthly rent. He has found happiness in Providence mostly because of the care and support of JCS. He is nurtured through food, friendship, exercise and meaning. He is just one person that JCS has reached out to in order to make his life a better one.

Please consider this grant for JCS so that we may continue serving this community.

Thank you for your consideration and support of S2252.

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