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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 you in urging you to support bill S2252, allocating \$75,000 to Jewish Collaborative Services of Rhode Island.

For more than four years, I have volunteered for JCSRI, seeing first-hand the critically important work the agency does day in and day out. In fact, I was so impressed with the agency, I came out of retirement in 2024 to work part-time for JCS, visiting elderly in nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

The staff at JCSRI is dedicated, hardworking and extremely effective in serving so many in our state, through food banks, mental health counseling, adoption services, and a wide range of eldercare services.

I would welcome any questions about my work and perspective as a former part-time employee and long-time volunteer and want to reinforce the importance of funding so the agency can further extend their reach to those in need.

Respectfully,

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