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SUPPORT

The Honorable Louis P. DiPalma
Chairperson; Senate Finance Committee
RI Senate
The State House
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Senate Bill 2447: Tax Credit for Food Donation

Dear Chairperson DiPalma and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

My name is Scott Bromberg, and I am the President & CEO of the Rhode Island Food Dealers Association, a trade association established in 1909 to serve the needs of the food industry in the State of Rhode Island. Our membership includes chain and independent grocery retailers, wholesalers, suppliers, distributors, food manufacturers, brokers, and other organizations affiliated with the food industry in our state. As an industry, we are among the state's largest employers and revenue generators.

On behalf of our members, I would like to take this opportunity to register our group's support to Senate Bill 2447, which provides tax credits for food donation by qualified individuals, organizations and companies.

The supermarket and wholesale industries go through expired and near expiration food/waste on a regular basis. Each of our members have different methods for donating or disposing of both non-expired and expired food and have specific local food insecurity programs they support. In the State of Rhode Island, there are many regulations on our industry. To provide grocers both large and small with a tax incentive for the work they already do or could do differently to donate waste would be welcomed by our membership. I believe it will also encourage members to donate additional food items to combat food insecurity.

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Thank you for this opportunity to review our Association's efforts and position on this issue and I hope that you will consider these points of affirmation when considering Senate Bill 2447.

Sincerely,



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CC: Hon. Valerie J. Lawson, President
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