



**State of Rhode Island**  
**Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos**

May 12, 2026

The Honorable Louis DiPalma  
Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
82 Smith St  
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Letter of Support for SJR2559: Joint Resolution Making An Appropriation Of \$3,000,000 To Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc.

Dear Chair DiPalma:

I write to you in support of SJR2559: Joint Resolution Making An Appropriation Of \$3,000,000 To Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc.

Rhode Island Legal Services provides high quality legal assistance and representation to low-income individuals and eligible client groups in Rhode Island for the purpose of improving their economic condition and overall wellbeing by protecting and enforcing legal rights, stabilizing the family unit and communities where clients live, promoting self reliance, ending domestic violence, preventing homelessness, affording dignity to all people, and reaching out to groups with added burdens on their ability to access the civil justice system.

As the Chair of the Long-Term Care Coordinating Council, I have had the privilege of working with RILS and their Elder Protection Project through our monthly Senior Center Resource Fairs. Their commitment to accessible legal services for low-income individuals has had a tangible impact on our community. For these reasons, I urge you to vote this bill favorably out of committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sabina Matos". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sabina Matos

Rhode Island Lieutenant Governor

CC: Sen. Jacob Bissaillon