

April 30, 2026

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I write in strong support of S2676 to renew funding for the Statewide Coordinating Main Street Program, and urge you to support it as well.

I am a member of the Main Street RI Learning Cohort and have experienced firsthand the value of this program for Rhode Island's communities. The Main Street Approach is a proven, nationally recognized framework for revitalizing our commercial corridors and downtowns — and Rhode Island's program is delivering results. Forty-one other states have statewide Main Street programs; Rhode Island must continue to be among them.

A \$150,000 investment to power this program into 2027 is modest relative to its outsized impact on local economic development, small business vitality, and community pride across our state. I urge you to support it.

Thank you,

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