



May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Written Testimony for Public Hearing  
Senate Finance Committee  
Re: Testimony in support of SB-2843

Chairman DiPalma and members of the committee,

**The Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island strongly supports Senate Bill 2843**, which funds the Rhode Island baby bonds trust program without the use of taxpayer dollars.

Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island serves to enrich the quality of life for the approximately 20,000 Jews in Rhode Island and our state more broadly. Together, we translate Jewish tradition and values into action. All our work is guided by our core values including *Tikkun Olam*, repairing the world, and *Hineni*, standing with others so no one stands alone. These values inform all our work, including our support for this bill, which ensures that we're creating programs that support *all* Rhode Islanders and encourage economic mobility.

The Rhode Island Baby Bond Trust Act would create a meaningful investment in the future of Rhode Island children without using taxpayer dollars. Under the legislation, before unclaimed property funds are deposited into the state's general fund, the state would set aside a one-time \$3,000 deposit for each eligible child born to a parent or guardian enrolled in RI Works during the previous year. Remaining funds would continue to flow into the general fund as they do today. By creating long-term economic opportunity for children and families, this bill represents a thoughtful and forward-looking investment in Rhode Island's future.

We urge the committee to support this crucial legislation.

Sincerely,  
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