

SB 2686 Establishes the office of the elder advocate
to promote the rights of older adults in Rhode Island

To: Chairwoman Murray and members of the Senate Health and Human Services
Committee,

I am Dan Liparini, a resident of North Kingstown, and I am writing in support of this bill.

Rhode Island has a large and growing population of seniors, most of whom live independently. This bill establishes the Office of the Elder Advocate to promote and protect the rights of older adults statewide. A similar role already exists in Rhode Island, but it is solely focused on residents of licensed facilities. Seniors living independently deserve this same level of protection.

It is well known that financial abuse is one of the fastest growing dangers to seniors, particularly those who live alone or suffer from cognitive decline. This bill would address this growing problem by establishing an office to help affected seniors and their family members.

Please support this important bill.

Dan Liparini