



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

April 9, 2026

The Hon. Jacob Bissaillon  
Chair, Senate Housing and Municipal Government Committee  
82 Smith Street, Room 212  
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Letter of Support for S2904: An Act Relating To General Assembly -- Joint Committee On Legislative Services

Dear Chair McEntee:

I write to you in support of S2904: An Act Relating To General Assembly -- Joint Committee On Legislative Services.

As the Chair of the Long-term Care Coordinating Council, I work with healthcare providers and advocates throughout the state to ensure older Rhode Islanders have access to the highest-quality care possible. This bill addresses some longstanding with older adult advocacy in general and the function of the Long-term Care Coordinating Council (LTCCC) in particular.

S2904 formally replaces our state's use of the terms elder, elderly person, handicapped and disabled as they appear in the General Laws and replaces them with older adult(s) and adult person(s) with disabilities respectively. These changes reflect an evolving view of how we address the unique needs of adults who age in our state.

Secondly, S2904 amends the quorum requirements for the LTCCC. This 33-member body currently requires a 21-member quorum. This presents problems unique to this Council, as many of the council members work in the industry and struggle to take time out of work to advocate with us on the LTCCC. Instead, this bill modifies the quorum to just 12 members, allowing the Council to go about its much-needed work.

For the reasons mentioned above, I urge you to favorably report this bill out of committee

Sincerely,

Sabina Matos  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Rhode Island  
CC: Senator Victoria Gu