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Chairman Bissaillon and members of the Senate Housing and Municipal Government Committee:

I write to you in **support** of SB #2904 which would advance the interests of older Rhode Islanders by adding a representative of an aging adult organization to the State Planning Council and a permanent committee on aging to the state planning council.

According to Rhode Island's Office of Healthy Aging, over 24 percent of Rhode Islanders are 60 years old or older versus 22 percent nationally. Since Rhode Island's population is aging rapidly, it makes sense that this demographic of older adults should be well represented in our state's planning decisions as they consider long-range development and coordinated planning across government and communities.

Senate Bill #2904 would also significantly improve the Long-Term Care Coordinating Council's ability to develop and coordinate state policy concerning all forms of long-term health care for seniors and adults with chronic disabilities and illnesses.

With these statistics in mind I urge your full support of SB #2904.

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