



State of Rhode Island
Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos

May 9, 2024

The Honorable Marvin L. Abney
Chair, House Committee on Finance
State House, Room 35
Providence, RI 02903

Re: SUPPORT for House Resolution No. 8196

Dear Chairman Abney:

I write today in support of House Resolution 8196, which would authorize an appropriation in the sum of \$2,000,000 for the Elisha Project.

Since 2011, the Elisha Project has served some of the most vulnerable of our neighbors in Pawtucket and throughout Rhode Island. Over the past thirteen years, the Elisha Project has shared over twenty million meals with individuals and families facing food insecurity. In that same time, the Elisha Project has grown and expanded programs that support all members of the community, including families, children, and veterans.

At a time when so many of our fellow Rhode Islanders face financial hardship, the services provided by the Elisha Project are a critical lifeline. They provide not only food and basic necessities but also a sense of hope, dignity, and community to the people they serve.

The Elisha Project is making a real difference in people's lives every day. I strongly believe that supporting their mission is a worthwhile investment in the well-being and prosperity of our community as a whole. By providing these funds, we can enable the Elisha project to continue its mission, expand its reach, and continue making a meaningful difference in the lives of Rhode Islanders facing adversity.

I respectfully urge the House Committee on Finance to support this Resolution. Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sabina Matos".

Sabina Matos
Lieutenant Governor
State of Rhode Island