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SUPPORT

The Honorable Marvin L. Abney
Chairperson; House Finance Committee
The State House
Providence, RI 02903

Re: House Bill 5404 -- TAX CREDIT FOR FOOD DONATION

Dear Chairperson Abney and Members of the House Finance Committee:

My name is Scott Bromberg and I am the President & CEO of the Rhode Island Food Dealers Association, a trade association established in 1909 to serve the needs of the food industry in the State of Rhode Island. Our membership includes chain and independent grocery retailers, wholesalers, suppliers, distributors, food manufacturers, brokers, and other organizations affiliated with the food industry in our state. As an industry, we are among the state's largest employers and revenue generators.

On behalf of our members, I would like to register our group's support of House Bill 5404, which provides with tax credits for food donations by qualified individuals, organizations and companies.

The supermarket and wholesale industries go through expired and near expiration food/waste on a regular basis. Each of our members have their own methods for donating or disposing of this food and support specific local food insecurity programs in their local communities. In the State of Rhode Island there are many regulations on our industry. Providing grocers—both large and small—with a tax incentive for their current or potential efforts to donate food waste would be welcomed by our membership.

Thank you for this opportunity to review our association's efforts and position on this issue and I hope that you will consider these points of affirmation when considering House Bill 5404.

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