



April 2, 2025

The Honorable Arthur J. Corvese, Chairman
House Labor Committee
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Re: H.5942, An Act Relating to Food and Drugs – Sanitation in Food Establishments

Dear Chairman Corvese,

The undersigned members of the Rhode Island Business Coalition write in support of House Bill 5942 which is an industry-led initiative to bolster the hospitality industry job training programs. We thank Representative McNamara for introducing this legislation.

H.5942 proposes a fifty-dollar fee on food establishments by the Department of Health that would be transferred to the Department of Labor and Training (DLT) to provide dedicated funding to hospitality industry workforce training grants. The Rhode Island Hospitality Association has had a long partnership with DLT and the Real Jobs Rhode Island program to provide training for the industry's workforce, including certified food and alcohol safety training programs.

The loss of additional federal funding for workforce training programs has put a strain on state funds dedicated for this purpose. H.5942 is an industry initiative to contribute more funding to job training programs at no additional cost to the state.

Thank you for your consideration of our position in support of H.5942.

Sincerely,

East Greenwich Chamber of Commerce
Rhode Island Builders Association
Rhode Island Business Group on Health
Rhode Island Hospitality Association
Rhode Island Manufacturers Association
Rhode Island Marine Trade Association

The Rhode Island Business Coalition represents 50 industries and 6,280 businesses that employ 231,200 people throughout Rhode Island.

Rhode Island Staffing Association

Small Business Economic Summit Regulations Committee

Small Business Economic Summit Tax and Budget Committee

cc. House Labor Committee members