

To Chairman Hull & members of the committee,

I write to you to strongly urge you to reject bill 5586, which grants tax breaks to a private academy that already sits on acres upon acres of untaxable property. It became well known when this bill was introduced by then Rep. McKiernan that LaSalle already hasn't been paying any taxes for years. LaSalle's tuition is currently at \$10,000 per year. Do they really need another tax break? Frankly, I along with many others believe it is long past due time to start making these institutions to contribute to the communities they buy up property, which currently can't be taxed. Cities like Providence has been deprived of much needed revenue from backwards tax policies like this for decades. It is time for this kind of practice to end. I also think it goes without saying how introducing this bill turned out for the previous sponsor.

Thank You,

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