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Chairman Abney,

I write to you as a constituent and not as an employee of Rhode Island Airport Corporation in opposition of House Bill 5530 which will be up for hearing tomorrow March 2nd. In this bill the representatives from the city of Warwick attempt to divert money from a Quasi-state agency to essentially bail out a city who has been fiscally irresponsible.

TF Green airport brings millions of dollars in economic impact to the city of Warwick. The airport is fiscally sound and should not be treated as an opportunity for a quick cash grab as the Representatives of Warwick are trying to do with this bill. I compare this bill to the City of Newport writing legislation requiring Salve University to pay 3 times as much money for police and fire services from the city than they do currently. I am sure you will hear testimony from the city detailing how many times the fire department responds to the airport but what they won't tell you is how many of those calls they actually bill the passengers for. Everytime they respond to the airport for a medical call and the person is transported the city of Warwick makes money off of them. So not only do they receive \$500,000 dollars a year (whether they come once or come 1000 times) they also get the money for the rescue calls.

In closing, I think a bad precedent would be set by increasing the PILOT for the city of Warwick potentially opening the door for any other city or town to show up at the state house with their hand out trying to squeeze

more money out of a well run Quasi-state agency, rather than balancing their own budget and being fiscally responsible.

Thank you for your time and I hope bill will remain held for further study in committee.

Kind Regards,

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