

## Chris O'Brien

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Hello,

Please find below my written testimony pertaining to the House Committee on Finance meeting scheduled for 4:00PM today, July 21st:

I would like to strongly encourage the House Committee on Finance to push for a "Justice Budget", as has been put forward by a coalition of community organizations in Rhode Island. Now is the time for a truly equitable redistribution of state resources, to allocate funds towards low-income housing, rent relief, unemployment, fair wages, and other meaningful social services. It's time to invest in these systems for the public good instead of grossly overfunded prisons and police departments. I urge the Committee to do the right thing and come to an agreement on an FY 2021 budget that prioritizes the needs of everyday, working-class people in Rhode Island over the whims of the wealthy and powerful .

Thanks and best,

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