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The Honorable Raymond A. Hull Chair, House Municipal Government and Housing Committee Rhode Island State House 82 Smith Street Providence, RI 02903

Honorable Chair Solomon and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of House Bill 6288, which would clarify the tax classification for the homestead tax exemption for the City of Providence.

Last year it was brought to our attention from Municipal Finance that we needed to clarify a section of our tax classification legislation for homestead exemption purposes. One section in Title 44 includes the City of Providence (44-5-11.8(a)(2)), while another section (to 44-5-11.8(b)(1)(i)) does not.

As a result, for consistency purposes, we need to include "and the City of Providence" to 44-5-11.8(b)(1)(i). This bill would do that, and we ask that you support its passage.

Thank you for your consideration.

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