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RE: House Bill No. 7208 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

Dear Chairman Abney and members of the House Finance Committee:

I am writing you today in support of House Bill 7208, the Circuit Breaker Property Tax enhancement bill.

This bill would increase the maximum credit amount to \$850 and increase the eligibility income limit to \$50,000 for our Rhode Island seniors and disabled residents. Making ends meet is becoming harder and harder for older Rhode Islanders. Sky rocketing property values means significant property tax increases. So many older adults living on fixed incomes cannot continue to absorb these increases yet seek to age in the comforts of their own home.

I strongly support House Bill No. 7208 because solutions that will allow older adult residents to stay, and age, in their homes, such as providing tax relief, supports the 65+ and disabled residents of Rhode Island.

I urge you to vote YES on House Bill No.7208. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marianne Kelly