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Representative Marvin Abney, Chair RI House Finance Committee

Dear Chairman Abney and esteemed members of the House Finance Committee,

I am writing in support of House Bill 5473, also known as the "Revenue for Rhode Island" bill, sponsored by Representative Karen Alzate.

I am stressed about the cost of child care and the lack of available spaces. I am frustrated with public transportation that isn't robust enough to be a reasonable alternative to a car. I'm saddened that I may have to leave the state (or at least the city that I love) to avoid sending my children to sub par schools. I am furious that healthcare is not accessible to all, especially with the current shortage of primary care providers. I am disappointed that we have pot holes and few bathrooms at playgrounds and parks. Ultimately, I believe that, as a child of God, I (and you) have a moral obligation to fight for a minimum standard of living for all Rhode Islanders.

Respectfully, Amy Beard