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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 live and work in Rhode Island, wages across various fields have not met or kept up with the cost of living. Myself and many friends and colleagues have multiple college degrees and years of experience, but are finding it nearly impossible to find affordable housing and jobs that pay a living wage. Many of us work second or third jobs, and live with multiple roommates. With funding for social programs, scholarships, professional development programs, and other social mobility and employment services being eroded, the middle class is being hollowed out.

Please support this bill.

Respectfully,
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