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Hello,

I'm writing to support House Bill 5473. We live in a time where it's vitally important to locally fund social services that support community welfare, as we face the threat of eroding rights and decimated federal funding.

RI and Providence in particular has faced massive upheaval with skyrocketing cost of living stripping it's citizens of financial security and in many cases a place to live. Meanwhile developers and lordlords continue to exploit increasingly desperate communities, pushing out all but the wealthy.

This house bill will help ensure those who profit off our community contribute a bare minimum back while supporting community essentials like education, transportation, and healthcare.

-Cait Mello