

Chairman Abney and Honorable Committee members,

My name is Daria Phoebe Brashear; I live in the Edgewood section of Cranston. Today I write to you in support of House Bill 5473.

We face shortfalls in our budget, and thus our ability to continue to fund things like child care, transit, senior services and other programs we collectively need.

Our neighbors to the north passed a tax like this and despite the doom and gloom prognosticated, there are now more millionaires in Massachusetts than before the tax was implemented. There was no drain of wealthy people. Our wealthiest citizens should be paying their fair share, and this bill will help get us there.

Please support bill HB5473.

Sincerely,
Daria Phoebe Brashear