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The Honorable Marvin Abney
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Chairman, House Finance Committee
Rhode Island State House – Room 35
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

OPPOSE H 5473

Dear Chairman Abney and Members of the House Finance Committee,

I am writing today express my strong opposition to H 5473, which seeks to increase personal income tax rates. Higher taxes will hurt everyone – from small and large businesses, to out of state talented job seekers, to the non-profits that rely on philanthropy, to the single mother who can't find a well-paying job.

The proposed increase in H 5473 is aimed directly at small “mom and pop” businesses, the bedrock of our economy, that pay taxes as a pass-through entity. Higher taxes will only serve to burden successful small businesses, discourage investment, making it harder to create jobs and contribute to the local economy.

Furthermore, increasing taxes will make Rhode Island less competitive compared to

other states. Businesses are constantly evaluating their options when it comes to location, and higher taxes can be a significant factor in their decision-making process. Rhode Island is already infamous nationally for having an anti-business environment. If Rhode Island becomes less tax-friendly, businesses may choose to locate or relocate to states with more favorable tax policies, taking jobs and revenue with them. (I.E. Hasboro, Paw Sox, and too many others to mention)

In order to promote economic growth and prosperity in Rhode Island, it is crucial that we maintain a business-friendly environment. I urge you to oppose H 5473 and work towards policies that favor business expansion and encourage investment in our state.

Sincerely,

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