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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 writing to support House Bill 5473, which would increase income taxes on the top 1% of Rhode Islanders. With drastic and often catastrophic cuts to federal funding, it is critically important that states step up. My organization has lost millions of dollars in federal funding to do important environmental justice work. Reliable funding from the state to support programs like this would ensure that we can create healthy futures for all Rhode Islanders. Rhode Island is facing a healthcare crisis, RIPTA has a major budget gap, and farmers are losing revenue that they depend on to survive due to cut federal programs. A simple solution is to tax the ultra wealthy. This bill is a no brainer, and I urge you to pass it.

Respectfully,
Ella Kilpatrick Kotner