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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.

The unfolding cuts to federal funding will have deep, harmful impacts on my community in Rhode Island. Unless our state addresses this gap, we face cuts to valuable public services like medicaid, social security, education, our public infrastructure and many other areas. I've been on Medicaid before and know how crucial it is to have access to this type of healthcare when your work doesn't provide any; my partner relies on RIPTA for transportation around Providence and we hope to send our children to Providence's public schools someday.

Without this bill, Rhode Islanders like us will lose these public services. Now is the time to reconsider our state's regressive tax policy. Making the top 1% of earners pay their fair share of taxes would be an important source of revenue as federal funding disappears. Please commit to serving the 99% of Rhode Islanders who will be most impacted by these cuts by increasing the taxes of the 1%. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,  
Hannah Tremblay