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Written Testimony in support of bill H-5473

Hi!

I won't be able to make it to the hearing tonight, and I would like my written testimony to be recorded.

I support Rep Alzate's bill H-5473 and the companion bill from Senator Murray S-329.

The income tax laws in RI are not working for our state. Households making over \$750k are able to pay a bit more (some would say Their Fair Share) in order to fund state programs. For instance, we could use the revenue generated from this new law to fund RIPTA! My partner and I cannot afford to pay 2 car payments, and thus we share one car between us. One of us drives to work and the other uses RIPTA or a bicycle to get to work... there are millions of small stories like this about state services that make our state livable. We need a way to find these services, and fairly taxing the wealthiest Rhode Islanders is the way to do it.

Thanks for reading,

Hillary Brame