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House Bill 5473 would help offset Rhode Island's budget deficit without cutting critical services for the most vulnerable Rhode Islanders. It would provide revenue for important services such as child care, senior services, and RIPTA, as well as roads and bridges. It would tax only the top 1% of Rhode Islanders, who currently pay a smaller percentage of their income in taxes than the poorest Rhode Islanders. And it would not harm most Rhode Island businesses.

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