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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 wholeheartedly in support of House Bill 5473, also known as the "Revenue for Rhode Island" bill, sponsored by Representative Karen Alzate.

For the past 24 years I have worked as a family physician at The Providence Community Health Centers. Over the years, I have seen our organization weather financial ups and downs, endure the COVID pandemic, all while focusing on what I enjoy most - improving the health and taking care of families in RI.

I have never seen the health care landscape in RI as bleak as it currently is. Provider reimbursement rates in RI are far below our neighboring states of Massachusetts and Connecticut and I have seen many providers leave RI for this reason. Those, like myself, who are compelled by the mission of PCHC to provide high quality, compassionate care to Rhode Islanders regardless of ability to pay are dedicated to staying in this state and helping to sustain cost-effective primary care. As PCHC gets ready to make a second round of layoffs this year, I am not sure how we can survive. I am very concerned that we, along with other community health centers in the state, will soon follow Anchor Medical Associates. With threats of cuts from the federal government and little support from state government, perhaps the Revenue for RI bill can offset some of these impactful losses to our state.

Income gaps in our country and state have only grown further apart in the past 50 years and the top 1% should certainly be expected to pay their fair share. This elite group often has the most political clout, deep pockets and strategies to avoid paying their share while working families struggling to make ends meet are paying proportionally more. Please don't perpetuate income inequality in our state. Please vote yes on House Bill 5473. Thank you!

Respectfully,  
Karen Ng