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**From:** Kathleen Mc Keon <kmmcranston@cox.net>  
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**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** RE: Support for H5473

Dear Chairman Abney and Members of House Finance Committee,

**RE: Support for H5473**

I write to support H5473 sponsored by Representatives Alzate Shanley, Morales, Ajello, Spears, Carson, Felix, Cortvriend, Fogarty and Edwards.

This bill adds a 3% surtax on taxable income over \$625,000. It is estimated to impact only about 1% of the state's more than 500,000 tax filers. It is projected to generate \$190 Million in revenue.

As a member of the Senior Agenda Coalition of RI, and an advocate for older adults in RI for 50 years, I have watched RI fall behind other US States in providing the support and services needed to allow older adults to remain, safely, in the community for as long as possible. Recently I have also seen the alarming increase in serious jeopardy reports from RI's Nursing Facilities. There is much work to be done.

I urge passage of this bill and the allocation of at least part of the revenue gained to be used to support and expand services for older Rhode Islanders - the folks who have lived, worked and raised their families in this state and are now in need of our support!

Thanks you for your consideration of this bill.

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