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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.

This is a no brainer - please pass this increase in taxes to help us pay for infrastructure and ensure that the burden isn't falling unduly on working class families. This is especially important with the market manipulation allowing people to buy the dip after Trump crashed the market.

I moved to RI in 2017 because I loved the great quality of life and value for money. Yet so many of the important things that brought me here and inspired me to set up a business here are under fire. Absolutely pass this bill. It is the only path forward to avoid the critical infrastructure cuts that would make many of us consider leaving RI for other states.

It's worth noting I did a poll and responses were overwhelming on the side of NOT leaving the state over a 3% tax increase.

Knowing the choice is cutting educational programming, Medicare and Medicaid, building projects, and other critical services or asking the wealthiest among us to pay their fair share, it's a no brainer to vote yes on this bill.

Please pass this and know RI fully supports it.

Respectfully, Navah Fuchs