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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.

It is a moral imperative for people to not only pay taxes but pay them in proportion to their wealth. Those who can sneeze thousands of dollars can afford to pay more. It is not only logical it is a moral imperative. The wealthy should not be allowed to hoard resources that the rest of us are forced to pay as everything in our state becomes worse.

I fear for my capacity to pay rent, receive health care, be free to be who I am and I fear for the wildlife, for the health of our planet.

I make sure I tip whenever I get myself a treat, and if I can spare a couple extra dollars, those of us with many homes and cars and not a care in the world beyond if their neighbor got a better landscaper than them can cough up something that will be a godsend to the rest of us and impact them in no way whatsoever.

Respectfully, Sarah DiZio