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From: Molly Canaday <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 8:04 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: The Time is NOW to Tax the 1% - Please pass H-5473 / S-329

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Sent:	Monday, June 2, 2025 12:21 PM
To:	House Finance Committee
Cc:	Beth Lemme-Bixby
Subject:	Written Testimony
Attachments:	Mobile Crisis Unit Letter of Support.pdf

Good afternoon,

Attached please find my written testimony in support of **S429 – Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) for Children and Youth.** Please let me know if you have any issues accessing the document.

Regards,
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From:	Jillian Belanger <jillianbelanger@gmail.com>
Sent:	Monday, June 2, 2025 11:13 AM
To:	Sen. DiPalma, Louis P.; House Finance Committee
Subject:	Strong Support for House Bills No. 457 and 785

Dear Chairman DiPalma and Finance Committee Members,

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Thank you,

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- Has no restricted receipts account.

- Provides much needed revenue for essential infrastructure and services.

- No credible threat that high-income earners will leave the state.

The facts show that Rhode Island's highest-income residents have fared well, even during challenging times. The 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) disproportionately benefited the highest-income households, and signals from Washington D.C. suggest that the highest-income earners may benefit from continued or further tax breaks at the federal level.

Meanwhile, Rhode Island families face rising costs, stagnant wages, and state and federal threats to the essential programs that enable them to work, like affordable childcare, RIPTA, SNAP, and Medicaid (which provides health insurance for more than half of RI children). According to the Economic Progress Institute's 2024 Rhode Island Standard of Need Report, 68% of single adults in RI, 78% of single-parents with two children, and 34% of two-parent households with two children cannot afford to meet their basic needs without assistance. I implore you not to balance the budget on the backs of Rhode Islanders who are already struggling.

Regarding concerns that high-income earners will leave the state if such a proposal is enacted, the evidence and data clearly demonstrate that interstate mass migration does not occur in response to top tax rates or changes in those rates. The Massachusetts Fair Share Amendment has proven a runaway success, with annual revenue collections and estimates well above $2 billion – and without any evidence of massive tax flight.

Polling consistently shows strong support for proposals like H 5473/S 329. Your constituents are calling on you to rise to the occasion, to listen to their voices, and to invest in the programs and services that sustain and uplift us all. Please ensure that RI becomes a place where everyone—not just the top 1%—can thrive. We strongly urge passage of H 5473/S 329.

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From:	Jillian Belanger <jillianbelanger@gmail.com>
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Subject:	Strong Support for House Bills No. 457 and 785

Dear Chairman DiPalma and Finance Committee Members,

My name is Dr. Jillian Belanger, and I am writing in strong support of House Bills No. 457 and 785. I am a parent of a high school student in East Providence, I work as the Multilingual Coordinator in Cumberland, and I care deeply about these bills.

I support this legislation because I work with multilingual students who deserve better support and I believe language is a strength, not a barrier.

This bill matters because:

- **Bilingual programs help all students succeed.** Research shows that dual language programs lead to stronger academic outcomes—not only for multilingual learners, but also for English-dominant students. These programs close achievement gaps and promote advanced learning in two languages.
- **Multilingualism is key to Rhode Island's future workforce.** More than 90% of employers seek workers with language skills. Investing in bilingual education prepares students for real-world careers, supports business development, and strengthens the state's economy.
- **It promotes equity and addresses teacher shortages.** Multilingual learners in Rhode Island are primarily located in under-resourced districts. This bill expands access to high-quality programs in those communities and helps build a pipeline of qualified bilingual educators by removing certification barriers.

I respectfully urge you to support this bill and invest in the academic success, workforce readiness, and equitable opportunities of Rhode Island's multilingual students.

Thank you,

Dr. Jillian Belanger

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