

Dear Chair Abney and Honorable Members of the House Finance Committee,

I urge you to support H 5473 Personal Income Tax and send it to the House floor for a vote. In these perilous times of federal overreach and massive federal cuts to funding, all citizens of Rhode Island need to pay their fair share. Clearly, low and middle income families will be hardest hit by the economic policies being enacted by the federal government. Those citizens who represent the top 1%, the highest income families, need to contribute to the overall health and well-being of our state because they can afford to do so without incurring harm to themselves.

As a semi-retired senior, I rely on the social security check that I contributed to for over forty years. Now that income is being threatened. There are people who live paycheck-to-paycheck who will be harmed and be in a more dire situation than me. The wealthiest Rhode Island citizens need to contribute so that our public services remain intact, in spite of the spending cuts from the federal government.

Please vote in support of H 5473 to keep our state functional for all of its citizens as we defend ourselves from the attacks and corruption of the current administration in Washington DC.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion and for your work on behalf of our citizens.

Respectfully,  
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