

Chairman Abney and members of the House Finance Committee:

I write to you today in SUPPORT of HB # 5233 which would establish a tax credit against income tax based upon eligible expenses incurred by a family caregiver for the care and support of an eligible family member.

There are an estimated 121,000 family caregivers in the state of Rhode Island who pay about \$7,200 annually out of their own pocket to care for loved ones.

Family Caregivers are the backbone of our long-term care industry. Without family caregivers our fragile healthcare industry would be overwhelmed.

I urge your support for HB #5233.

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