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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 6290, sponsored by Representative Brandon Potter.

Respectfully,
Matt McGovern



Grace Perez
1030 Greenwich Ave
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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 6290, sponsored by Representative Brandon Potter.

Respectfully,
Grace Perez



Kaylynn Polley
337 Cowesett Ave
West Warwick, RI 02893

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 6290, sponsored by Representative Brandon Potter.

My name is Kaylynn, and I'm a school department clerk living and working in Rhode Island. I'm writing in support of this bill to create a modest wealth tax on our state's richest residents.

As an average working person, I pay my fair share in taxes and contribute to my community every day. Meanwhile, a tiny number of people in our state hold enormous wealth — far beyond what they need — while so many families are barely getting by. This bill would help balance the scales just a little.

I support this bill because I want to live in a state where everyone contributes to the common good, and where people like me can afford child care, housing, and basic dignity. Please pass this bill and show working Rhode Islanders that we matter too.

Respectfully,
Kaylynn Polley



Will Bann
Warwick 02886

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 6290, sponsored by Representative Brandon Potter.

The wealthiest people living in our state should pay their fair share. An additional 1% tax on this people will have zero impact on their lives but could be used to make meaningful change to people who need it without Rhode Island.

This bill is a no brainer.

Respectfully,
Will Bann



Adelaine Vanwells
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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 6290, sponsored by Representative Brandon Potter.

Rhode Island is in a precarious position with a history of tax cuts since 2008 which have left the state with a shortage of revenue streams. Moreover, the current administration is dead set on cutting funds to medicare which will result in the closing and job loss of hundreds of rhode islanders. We need a new revenue source and this bill does so, this legislative body needs to consider and hopefully support bills like this that will reduce our states deficit.

Respectfully,
Adelaine Vanwells



Navah Hopkins
90 Serrel Sweet Rd, Johnston, RI 02919

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 6290, sponsored by Representative Brandon Potter.

I strongly support Senate Bill 779 and House Bill 6290, which would impose a modest 1% annual tax on Rhode Island residents with a net worth over \$10 million—focusing on financial assets like stocks and bonds, and excluding real estate and most business assets.

This legislation is a common-sense step toward a fairer tax system. Right now, Rhode Island's working- and middle-class families pay a much larger share of their income in taxes than those with extreme wealth. That's not just unsustainable—it's fundamentally unjust.

Wealth inequality in our state and our country continues to grow. This bill asks those who have benefited the most from our economic system to contribute just a little more to keep that system working for everyone.

A 1% tax on ultra-wealth—limited to financial holdings—is a small ask that could make a big difference. The revenue would fund critical public needs like education, infrastructure, and targeted tax relief for families struggling to make ends meet. These investments aren't just morally right—they're economically smart. Better schools and safer roads benefit every community, and a stronger middle class creates a stronger economy.

To put it in perspective: someone with \$15 million in financial assets would pay \$50,000 per year. That's a fraction of what that wealth earns annually in passive income—and still leaves them with more than enough to thrive. Meanwhile, the impact of that tax could be transformative for our state.

This bill doesn't punish success. It preserves opportunity—for everyone.

Please support this legislation and help ensure Rhode Island's tax code reflects our values: fairness, shared responsibility, and investment in the public good.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Navah Hopkins



Rory Lydon
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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 6290, sponsored by Representative Brandon Potter.

Respectfully,
Rory Lydon



Merrill Schmidt
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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 6290, sponsored by Representative Brandon Potter.

My name is Merrill Schmidt, and I live in Cranston, RI. I am a member of Reclaim RI and the RI Working Families Party. I also work with high school students at a nonprofit organization in Providence. I'm writing in support of the Wealth Tax (Senate Bill No. 779 & House Bill 6290 which would impose a 1% annual tax on Rhode Island residents with a worldwide net worth exceeding \$10 million.

I believe this bill is an important step towards addressing wealth inequality as well as helping pay for critical services and resources in our state. With the federal funding being slashed, we need to find additional sources of revenue to balance the budget while ensuring that essential services in our state aren't cut. I think this bill is a very reasonable step to addressing the challenging financial situation in our state. I want to be able to send my son to pre-K and public school when he is old enough, and I do not want to see a complete disruption in the public education system. I want to know that state regulators can help ensure safe water, food, and products for our communities. I am very concerned about federal cuts to public infrastructure and services, but I believe that we can prevent some of the damage from the federal cuts by passing the Revenue for RI bills and looking for other ways to bolster the state's budget.

Thanks for your time and consideration!

Respectfully,
Merrill Schmidt