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Subject: New Rhode Island Tax Bill 2025 -- H 6334

The Honorable Marvin L. Abney
Chair, House Committee on Finance
State of Rhode Island
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Dear Representative Abney:

As Commissioner of the New England Regional Volleyball Association, I am writing to respectfully express strong opposition to proposed legislation H6334, that would impose a tax on tickets for admission to large venues in Rhode Island. This legislation, if enacted, would have unintended but profoundly negative consequences on my business, as well as for the broader entertainment economy in Providence and the state as a whole.

Our event attracts thousands of attendees, bringing substantial direct and indirect revenue to local businesses—including restaurants, hotels, retail shops, and parking facilities. A tax on ticket admissions would raise the cost for attendees, potentially reducing attendance and dampening the positive economic ripple effect these events currently generate throughout our city and state.

This legislation would ultimately diminish the reputation of our state as an entertainment and tourism destination. We urge you to consider the broader economic consequences and work with fellow legislators to find alternative solutions that do not jeopardize the vibrancy of our live events.

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical matter. We welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and work collaboratively toward policies that support Rhode Island's economic health.

Thank You,
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