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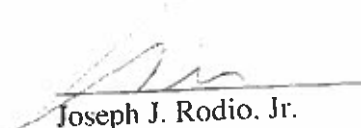
The Honorable Marvin L. Abney
Chair, House Committee on Finance
State of Rhode Island
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairman Abney:

I am legal counsel to the Providence Bruins, and am writing to express strong opposition to proposed legislation H6334, which would impose a ticket tax for large venues in Rhode Island. The Providence Bruins are proud of providing a family friendly experience for Rhode Island residents at a reasonable price, and attracting visitors into the City of Providence to patronize the many great local businesses around the Amica Mutual Pavilion. As experts in ticket sales we feel confident stating that tickets to live events are among the first to be cut from family budgets, especially in a rising cost environment. These families also have competing options for live entertainment in Foxboro, Boston, Hartford, Worcester, and others. A ticket tax will have a negative impact, not only on our business, but on the economic benefit of the Providence Bruins home games for all local business in the area of the Amica Mutual Pavilion.

Thank you for your consideration of this feedback, as the matter is critical to our success, and the success of the Rhode Island economy.

Very Truly Yours,


Joseph J. Rodio, Jr.
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