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The Honorable Marvin Abney
House Finance
State House
Providence RI 02903

RE: H.6334, An Act Relative to Taxation – Sales and Use Tax

Dear Chairman Abney and Committee Members:

The Northern RI Chamber of Commerce (NRICC) represents businesses in the communities of Burrillville, Central Falls, Cumberland, Foster, Glocester, Johnston, Lincoln, North Providence, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Scituate, Smithfield and Woonsocket. The Chamber opposes the passage of H.6334, An Act Relative to Taxation – Sales and Use Tax which seeks to assess a two-dollar (\$2.00) tax on tickets for large venue events.


While the Chamber understands the desire to generate revenue, we believe this tax places an unfair burden on concertgoers, theater enthusiasts and families who are already dealing with rising costs across the board.

Live events are more than just entertainment—they foster community, support local economies, and provide jobs to thousands of workers in hospitality, security, and the arts. An additional tax on tickets could deter attendance, particularly for lower-income individuals and families, and negatively affect these industries. Additionally, this tax hurts our competitiveness as promoters and event organizers may pass over Rhode Island venues, opting for less expensive options, thus undermining our strategic tourism efforts.

Many venues and promoters are only beginning to recover from the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Imposing an extra cost on ticket sales could further hinder their financial recovery and discourage promoters from bringing events to our state.

For these reasons, we oppose the passage of H.6334. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,


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