



The Preservation Society of Newport County

May 27, 2025

Chairman Marvin L. Abney
House Committee on Finance
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Re: House Bill 6334 – “Ticket Tax”

Dear Chairman Abney,

As the CEO and Executive Director of the Preservation Society of Newport County, I am writing I am writing in opposition to House Bill 6334, “Ticket Tax.” As the CEO and Executive Director of The Preservation Society of Newport County. We are concerned about the negative effect this legislation would have on Rhode Island’s cultural venues.

Passage of this Act would have an adverse impact on everything, from high school, college and professional sporting events to theatrical performances in our State. Rhode Island would be an outlier in New England with the passage of this law.

With respect to The Preservation Society of Newport County, this tax would decrease the number of visitors who tour our mansions. The Preservation Society of Newport County has long been an economic engine for the City of Newport and the State of Rhode Island and must remain so.

Respectfully, I urge you not to pass House Bill 6334. If you wish to discuss this matter further, I am always available at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Trudy Coxé
CEO & Executive Director
The Preservation Society of Newport County