

Chairman Abney and members of the House Finance Committee,

I'm asking you to support the elimination of Rhode Island's state tax on Social Security income, as the FY27 budget proposes to do.

For too long, state Social Security taxes have reduced the hard-earned income that Rhode Islanders worked for and count on. Rhode Island is an outlier, as one of only 8 states that assesses personal income taxes on our Social Security. Social Security was never intended to line the coffers of government. It needs to stop.

Thank you for taking the time to read this testimony. I urge you to support the elimination of the state tax on Social Security.

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