

House Finance Committee
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In Support of H7313 and H7700

Dear Chairman Abney and members of the Committee,

I am grateful for your careful consideration and hopeful for your support for this important bill which would help to lessen the disparities amongst Rhode Islanders. Rhode Island's lowest income earners pay a larger percentage of their income in state and local taxes than do the highest earners.

H7313 could address this by:

- Redistributing wealth from high-income earners to fund programs that support working families and disadvantaged populations.
- Generating significant new state revenue that can be invested in essential public services, social safety nets, and infrastructure projects to benefit the broader community.
- Increasing the progressivity of the state tax code by ensuring the wealthiest top 1% of residents contribute a fairer share relative to their ability to pay.

As a health professional, I know first-hand the challenges that budget shortfalls present to health, human service and safety net programs. As a taxpayer, I think we should all pay our fair share.

H7700 would provide property tax relief for elderly and disabled Rhode Islanders.

Thank you,

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cc. Representative Boylan