



# WOONASQUATUCKET RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

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Rhode Island Legislature  
House Finance Committee  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

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## Re: Testimony in Support of H 8604 – An Act Relating to Taxation – Personal Income Tax

Dear Chairman Abney and Members of the House Finance Committee:

On behalf of the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council (WRWC), I am writing to support **H 8604 – An Act Relating to Taxation – Personal Income Tax**.

As the head of a Rhode Island non-profit organization that provides incredibly effective adult leadership programming and climate action opportunities for adults, we serve hundreds of Rhode Island residents whom we compensate for their participation, usually at a rate of \$25/hour. Our core programs such as Nuevas Voces and Mi Arbol include about 100+ Rhode Island adults annually, and depending on the length of the programs, most participants receive between \$400 and \$500 throughout the course of their programs.

When we received the letter from the division of taxation requiring us to fill out paperwork for every person that received more than \$100 from WRWC as a program participant, we were quite concerned about pulling together so much paperwork. It would have been cumbersome for our participants as well as our finance staff.

WRWC has always maintained compliance with applicable thresholds for informational filings established under Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and we feel this threshold is quite fair.

I urge you to support H8604.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to submit testimony in favor of H8604. I am happy to answer any questions you may have and I can be reached at [alehrer@wrwc.org](mailto:alehrer@wrwc.org) or 401-861-9046.

Sincerely,

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