



June 2, 2026

House Finance Committee
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Testimony in Support to H8604 titled Relating to Taxation – Personal Income Tax

Dear Chairperson Abney and Members of the House Finance Committee:

On behalf of the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our strong support for House Bill 8604 and respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this important legislation.

The Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce is one of Rhode Island's largest business advocacy organizations. Our mission is to connect, innovate, enhance, and advocate for the businesses of Greater Newport. For more than 100 years, the Chamber has served as a trusted and influential voice for the regional business community. Today, our nearly 1,000 members represent more than 50,000 employees across a diverse range of industries.

Through advocacy, strategic partnerships, and economic development initiatives, we work to foster a strong business climate that promotes growth, innovation, prosperity, and opportunity throughout our region and across Rhode Island.

I am Erin Donovan Boyle, President and CEO of the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce, and I respectfully ask that you support House Bill 8604. We believe this legislation will have a positive impact on our business community and contribute to the continued economic vitality of our state.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to the people of Rhode Island. I appreciate the opportunity to submit this testimony and would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erin L. Donovan-Boyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

Erin Donovan Boyle
President & CEO
Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce