



**Testimony Re: H8604 Re: Personal Income Tax**  
**House Finance Committee**  
**June 2, 2026**  
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Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today. Rhode Island KIDS COUNT would like to voice its **strong support for House Bill 8604** and we thank Representative Shallcross Smith for sponsoring this bill and Representatives Fellela, Cortvriend, Santucci, Messier, Furtado, Nardone, Fogarty, Tanzi, and Carson for co-sponsoring. This bill would provide that the tax administration may prescribe regulations requiring returns of information to be made and filed on or before February 28th of each year with filing thresholds consistent with applicable thresholds for information filings under the federal Internal Revenue Code.

Rhode Island KIDS COUNT advances equitable policies that improve the lives of all Rhode Island children and eliminate disparities through the power of data, advocacy, and civic action. We believe communities most impacted by public policy have the power to lead and create change. We regularly provide stipends and honorariums to youth and parents for their active participation in focus groups, press conferences, and policy roundtables.

**Obtaining a W9 and filing 1099s for payments of less than \$600 creates an administrative burden on small nonprofit organizations like ours.** In 2025, Rhode Island KIDS COUNT made 26 payments of less than \$600 to youth, parents, community leaders, and small businesses as compensation for their time and lived expertise. Of these payments, 20 were \$100.

Aligning the Rhode Island threshold for information filings with the federal Internal Revenue Code would reduce administrative burden and would allow organizations like ours to continue our commitment to elevating youth and parent voices.

We urge passage of this House Bill 8604. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.