



H 6055 - opposed

March 29, 2021

Hon. Deb Ruggiero
Chair, House Innovation, Internet & Technology Committee
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chair Ruggiero:

The Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce writes today in opposition to **H6055** – an Act pertaining to “app store” providers and software developers.

Our foremost concern is that the legislation would set a dangerous precedent by dictating how private businesses conduct affairs and unilaterally altering established contractual agreements. Such authority is overreaching and would harm Rhode Island’s competitive environment --- particularly for small businesses that rely on regulatory certainty and predictability.

In addition, we concur that the Rhode Island General Assembly should refrain from interfering in what amounts to a contract dispute among private businesses, especially when that exact dispute is currently being litigated in the U.S. federal courts. The State, too, runs the risk of expensive lawsuits – not to mention reputational injury -- arising from a constitutional challenge.

Lawmakers have made great strides over the last several years in improving Rhode Island’s business climate and business rankings. Enactment of **H6055** would be extraordinarily counterproductive to your ongoing efforts.

I urge you to join us in opposing **H6055**.

Sincerely,

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President