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Hon. Stephen Casey Chairman, House Committee on Municipal Government and Housing Rhode Island State House Providence, RI 02903

RE: Support for HB-6123

Dear Chairman Casey and Members of the House Committee,

I am writing today in support of House Bill 6123 which was graciously introduced at the request of the City of Central Falls by Representative Voas and co-sponsored by Representatives Alzate and Giraldo.

H-6123 enables our city council to clarify language regarding mixed use properties to make clear that while we are taxing the residential portion of the properties at the residential rate, the commercial portion is remaining at the commercial rate. This language reflects the city's practices and long-standing methodology. In addition, to streamline compliance with 44-5-12.2, we are proposing to remove the portion that ties the Class 3 tax to the owner-occupied rate and are instead fixing it at the amount capped when the tangible exemption was created. This will have no effect on the current rate and removes future fluctuations allowing commercial businesses better stability on their tangible taxes.

In support thereof, please find attached a City Council Resolution passed by the Central Falls City Council.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important bill.

Sincerely,

Maria Rivera Mayor

Cc: Members of the House Committee on Municipal Government and Housing

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