

Dear House Municipal Government & Housing Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to H6162, which would allow the City of Providence to raise property taxes up to 8% in FY2026.

As a working resident and owner-occupant in Providence, I am deeply concerned that this bill paves the way for a tax policy that shifts the burden away from large absentee landlords and onto homeowners like me who live in and care for our neighborhoods. Under the mayor's proposed revaluation, taxes on my owner-occupied property would increase, while taxes on large multifamily buildings—many of which are owned by investors who don't live here—would decrease.

This is fundamentally unfair. We should not be asking working families and residents to shoulder a greater financial burden so that large property investors can receive tax breaks. Providence should be investing in affordability, stability, and equity—not creating policies that favor real estate portfolios over people.

I urge you to reject this legislation and stand with the residents who call this city home.

Sincerely,

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