

To whom this may concern

My name is Eric Perez, I am a multi-unit property owner resident of Providence. I am writing this letter instead of taking time off work; I can't afford to miss a day. I figured a letter with my response should be good enough. The reason for this letter is to express how I don't want bill H-6162 to pass. First, to pass this bill to re-inherit providence schools given our current city's financial struggles and woes is a premature move. We are not ready to take back providence schools from the state. I remember my attendance at both Gorge J, West elementary school and Oliver Hazard Perry Middle School respectfully. This is going back a decade and a half. Both schools were rumored to be in severe need of an overhaul due to the age of buildings and lack of maintenance and care. The lack of maintenance and care came from and underfunded school department. It's no wonder the state took providence schools from the city in the first place. For Mayor Smiley to ask us citizens who are tremendously broke for a tax increase so that he could take back Providence Schools sounds like a personal achievement for the Mayor and not of the interest of Providence.

Second, we already had a property tax increase here in Providence and unfortunately had to tell my tenants that the rent must go up because of property tax increases. To tell my tenants again that their rent is going up again due to property taxes again seems a bit unfair to ask of them given their current life struggles just paying their current rent and other bills. Running this home has been an incredible struggle, I'm constantly keeping up with the house, so it stays within code. I'm always playing catch up with my month behind bills. When renters don't pay their rent and a huge expense comes up, who else must cover that but the landlords themselves? So when hearing about bill H-6162 I almost dropped to the ground. I was in disbelief. I believe if this bill were to pass, it will deal a crippling blow to my current financial situations. I nearly lost my home to foreclosure due to my internal struggles. Please I'm asking the committee to please rescind this ridiculously selfish bill from the chambers and pass sensible bills that benefits Providence.

Thank you for reading this letter.

Best Regards,

Eric Perez.