

To the Members of the Rhode Island General Assembly,

My name is Mhina Johnbaptiste and I am a Providence resident.

I am writing today to urge you to oppose House Bill #6162, which would bypass the city's 4% cap on tax growth and open the door to extremely disproportionate property tax increases that will negatively impact renters, homeowners, and working people across our city.

The proposed increase in single-family home taxes places further strain on working-class families who are already struggling to make ends meet. These residents, including myself, should not be priced out of the neighborhoods we've helped shape.

House Bill #6162 prioritizes fiscal expansion over the well-being of Providence residents. It undermines affordability, accelerates displacement, and deepens housing inequality.

I urge you to reject this bill and instead seek solutions that prioritize equity, protect renters and homeowners, and uphold the values of economic justice in our city.

Best,

Mhina Johnbaptiste