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Representative Stephen M. Casey, Chair
House Municipal Government and Housing Committee
Rhode Island House of Representatives
82 Smith Street Providence, RI 02903

RE: House Bill 6162: An Act Relating to Taxation – Levy and Assessment of Local Taxes

Dear Chairman Casey and Members of the Committee:

I intended to testify in front of you this evening, but I am unfortunately out of town due to a family emergency. Please accept this letter in my absence.

I am writing in support of House Bill 6162, which would grant the City of Providence a one-year levy cap for fiscal year 2026 not to exceed eight percent.

The financial challenges ahead for the City of Providence will require difficult decisions. This exemption would be an additional tool that will allow the city to pass a balanced budget that protects essential city services, meets our school funding obligation, and supports working families. This is why the Providence City Council voted unanimously in favor of a resolution in support of authorizing the city to use this tool, if necessary, as we see raising the levy above the four percent cap as a last resort.

The city will continue to work with members of the General Assembly to identify creative new revenue streams that strengthen city finances, while protecting middle and working class families.

I respectfully ask members of this committee to pass House Bill 6162 to grant Providence this needed flexibility and thank all members of the General Assembly and Providence delegation for their work and support on this issue.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel M. Miller".

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