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

RE: HOUSE BILL 8332 – AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX

Dear Chair Casey and Honorable Committee Members,

The Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony regarding House Bill 8332, which proposes that the conveyance tax on properties spanning multiple municipalities be allocated proportionally based on assessed value.

The League recognizes the sponsor's intent to ensure an equitable distribution of conveyance tax revenue among municipalities, reflecting the portion of property located within each jurisdiction. In principle, this aligns with fair and transparent taxation practices.

At the same time, we wish to highlight several considerations for municipal implementation:

- **Administrative Coordination:** Municipal Assessor and Finance offices will need clear guidance and procedures to coordinate across municipal boundaries.
- **Revenue Monitoring:** Municipalities should have mechanisms to track and verify allocations to prevent unintended fiscal burdens.
- **Implementation Clarity:** Detailed instructions on calculation, dispute resolution, and auditing will be essential to ensure smooth execution.

The League supports constructive dialogue and collaboration on legislation that impacts municipal operations.

We look forward to working with the sponsor, and municipal offices to ensure that the bill achieves its intent without creating undue administrative or fiscal challenges for Rhode Island cities and towns.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Honorable Members of House Municipal Government and Housing