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From: A. David Larson, East Providence, RI - Hearts for Social Justice
To: RI Senate Finance Committee

Subject: **Support for S2238** - Additional Tax on High Earners

Dear Chair DiPalma and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 2238 which would provide an additional tax on high earners. Rhode Island is a community of wonderful people who support those in need. The Social Principles of my faith state that governmental budgets are moral documents and should reflect our shared values by uplifting the common good, supporting the poor and vulnerable, and building peace in our communities. In the distant past, a tribe had a moral obligation to take care of its own in this way. Over time this role has moved up into local or regional governments. While some nations have fashioned their revenue and support systems to *uplift the common good, support the poor and vulnerable, and build peace*, our federal government continues to retract from providing such care. It's now up to Rhode Island to provide for our own. Additional revenues are needed for this effort, and this bill is a modest move in that direction.

I urge you to advance this legislation to the Senate floor for a vote.

Thank you so much for your consideration,
A. David Larson (East Providence)
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