Senator Louis DiPalma, Chair, Senate Finance Committee

Re: Support for S2238 for Tax Fairness

April 30, 2026

Dear Chairman DiPalma and members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing a member one of the five Unitarian Universalist congregations in Rhode Island to urge your support for S2238, the Tax Fairness Act.

Among our core Unitarian principles is to seek justice, equity, and compassion in human relations. Tax fairness is essential to furthering this principle in our state. An equitable tax policy enables a compassionate society.

A very modest increase in taxes for those with incomes greater than $640,000 would generate $203 million annually. For example, a filer with taxable income of $650,000 would pay just $300 more. This is surely not too much to ask. And those with greater incomes can well afford more.

We all have the responsibility to pay our fair share of taxes, and we must call upon our lawmakers to make it happen.

How we care for the neediest in our community is a moral question that we cannot avoid answering.

Sincerely,

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