



Dear Rhode Island Legislature,

Progreso Latino's mission is to help Rhode Island's Latino and immigrant communities to achieve greater self-sufficiency and socio-economic progress by providing transformational programs that support personal growth and social change. We strongly believe that our community is underserved in the area of roads, public facilities, transportation, schools, and social services. For this reason, we present to you the following testimony of residents of Rhode Island's urban core who would benefit from the added funds that would come out of a surtax to the 1% rich , for the investment of our cities and families.

Sincerely,

Progreso Latino

626 Broad Street

Central Falls, RI, 02863

Phone number: 401-728-5920

Navshel Jiminiar

I, Navshel Jiminiar am a 14 year old resident of Central Falls and I am in support of HB-7313. This piece of legislation is important to me because it would help improve the street roads for my city with so much potholes and snow this year. As a a student I also believe we deserve better nutritious food.

Sincerely,

Nayshel Jiminiar

58 Darling Street

Central Falls, RI 02863

401-359-8474

Ana Maria Urena

I, Ana Marie Urena am in support of HB-7313 because it would help pay for lifeline resources my community depends on such as health insurance, SNAP, and food banks. It can also provide more free technical classes; and to have more surveillance in schools and to install cameras on all street so our youth can be safe.

Sincerely,

Ana Maria Urena

88 Mineral Spring Avenue

Pawtucket, RI 02860

401-261-2148

Blanca Gomez

I, Blanca Gomez am in support of HB-7313 because it is not fair that people who earn less pay a higher percentage. That money is needed to help pay rent and to create more classes for young people such as technical classes (electricity, mechanics, plumbing, and construction). We also need more English classes, carpenter classes, and welding. That money should also be used to provide more security in schools and in their surrounding areas, because there is much gang violence, and drugs. It is vital we keep our youth safe. It is also important to use the money for our food pantries and need to do better when it comes to housing issues.

Sincerely,

Blanca Gomez

51 Bagley Street Apt. 3

Pawtucket, RI 02860

401-742-9317

Facando Aguilar

I, Facando Aguilar am a Resident of Central Falls and I am in support of HB-7313. This piece of legislation is important to me and my community because it will provide for more medical rooms, maintenance, cameras, snow removal, English classes, services and rent reduction.

Sincerely,

Facando Aguilar

14 Silvian street

Central Falls, RI 0863

401-378-3536

Ingrid Polanco

I, Ingrid Polanco am a resident of Central Falls and I am in support of HB-7313 because the income taxes from people with high incomes can help contribute to our health sector, and help attain medical insurance for those without it, It is also important to me because it can provide for more scholarships for our youth and possibly our undocumented individuals wanting to go to university, and free summer meals for children.

Sincerely,

Ingrid Polanco

107 Valley Street

Central Falls, RI 02863

401-725-9293

Lidia Judith Velasquez

I, Lidia Judith Velasquez am in support of HB-7313 because it will improve our community roads and provide English classes since they are in a high demand, It will also offer medical services and improve our children's park. We must also take into account our youth's future as we can provide more scholarships and job opportunities.

Sincerely,

Lidia Judith Velasquez

10 Goff Ave

Pawtucket, RI 02860

401-261-5209

Vrenely Espinosa

I, Vrenely Espinos am in support of HB-7313 because we need more money in our state to help make food more affordable and medicine at this time is too costly. The people should also have access to medical cards and security in our schools due to violence. Our state also needs more programs as I hope to teach other people how to bake. We need more jobs and for our streets need to be improved.

Sincerely,

Vrenely Espinosa

78 Appleton Avenure Apt. 2

Pawtucket, RI 02860

401-442-5348

Luz Hernandez

I, Luz Hernandez support HB-7313 because of the 100 million dollar deficit our state is in. We also need more educational programs, scholarships for our youth, and more job opportunities. Our youth is our future and it is important that we as a state provide more opportunity for them.

Sincerely,

Luz Hernandez

15 Factory Street

Cumberland, RI 02804

401-499-1494

Mclain Gucillo

I, Mclain Gucillo support HB-7313 because with this piece of legislation it will provide more opportunity and programs for my community. I believe education is important as I hope to take English classes to better improve myself. Our state should also provide more scholarships and programs for our colleges. Education is an investment towards our future.

Sincerely,

Mclain Gucillo

855 Broad Street

Central Falls

401-543-6431

Annalia Alcolea-Tassia

I, Analia Alcolea-Tassia support HB-7313 because RIPTA has been a lifeline for many in our community and. it is important we maintained an efficient public transportation syem. We must also invest in housing for our low income and immigrant families plus better improve our street roads.

Sincerely,

Analia Alcolea-Tassia

1598 Westminster Street

Pawtucket, RI 02860

401-390-0076

Aurora Melo

I, Aurora Melo support HB-7313 because the money can be invested for our medical insurance since so many are losing theirs. It is also important that we invest in our street roads and parks. We have very limited space in which our youth can enjoy themselves outside and many potholes in our community. Thank you

Sincerely,

Aurora Melo

854 Broad Street

Central Falls, RI 02863

978-509-9999

Blanca Rivas

I, Blanca Rivas support HB-7313 because my son wants to pursue his education and major in engineering. I also have a daughter who wants to study medicine. Unfortunately, college is a expensive for us and can be a huge financial burden. It is important that we provide more scholarships for our youth so many like my children can pursue a higher education and follow their dream. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Blanca Rivas

118 Luller Avenue

Central Falls, RI 02863

857-312-1443

Brando Bello Sern

I, Brando Bello Serno support HB-7313 because in my case they placed an order of separation on me with my siblings. This has placed my mother in a very difficult position since she is alone. It was difficult to support the three of us without being together because she is a single mother without papers and work which has been hard. She does not earn enough to support her three children.. It is important that we tackle issues like mine and provide more resources and job opportunities so families have more opportunities to excel.

Sincerely,

Brando Bello Sern

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