

Re: SB 2246 Caregiver Tax Credit

To: Chairman DiPalma and members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I am Dan Liparini, a North Kingstown resident, and I am writing in support of this bill.

It's hard to imagine what our world would look like if the people getting in-home care from their families were getting their health care from hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities or paid nursing professionals. But I think we all know that it would literally break our health system.

The estimated 155,000 family caregivers in Rhode Island are preventing this catastrophe and doing so without pay. They are also spending about \$7,000 each year providing this care.

This bill would provide a tax credit against the caregiver's income based upon eligible expenses incurred by the caregiver in caring for their eligible family member.

Please support this important legislation.

Dan Liparini