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From: heidi ross <heidross511@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 11:58 AM
To: Senate Finance
Subject: SB 2246 — Please pass this bill to help caregivers

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Dear Senate Finance Committee,

Caregivers are often at a loss to make ends meet and keep spirits up during such hard time in their life—including many who work at the State House.

For those looking for work, especially part-time, there are huge barriers for us—including with my situation.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Heidi Ross

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Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 2:33 PM
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Subject: Senate Bill No. 2246

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Chairman DiPalma and members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I urge you to support SB No. 2246 to provide a modicum of relief to caregivers' expenses.

Caring for our elders or those disabled among us is difficult and expensive for families. The cost for families providing care is about \$7,200 annually to the 155,000 of us who need that care.

Aging at home is far less expensive than becoming part of the long-term care facilities. But the costs add up and families bear it. Without familial caregivers the healthcare industry will be overwhelmed.

This bill provides some help by creating a tax credit against income tax to help cover eligible expenses.

Please support this bill.

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Subject: Senate Bill #2246

Chairman DiPalma and members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I write to you in **SUPPORT** of SB #2246 which would establish a tax credit against income tax based upon eligible expenses incurred by a family caregiver for the care and support of an eligible family member.

There are an estimated 121,000 family caregivers in the state of Rhode Island who pay about \$7,200 annually out of their own pocket to care for loved ones.

Family Caregivers are the backbone of our long-term care industry. Without family caregivers our fragile healthcare industry would be overwhelmed.

I urge your full support for SB #2246.

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