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**From:** Tracy Ahmadian <tracya@concordiacsl.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 30, 2026 7:01 AM  
**To:** Senate Finance  
**Cc:** Sen. DiPalma, Louis P.  
**Subject:** Support 2026 - S2361

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Dear Chair DiPalma and Committee Members,

I support the bill 2026-S2361 Wealth Tax. The federal support for our most vulnerable neighbors has been decimated. We are living in times where our values are being revealed. Are we going to be humans who recognize what we value such as justice, equity, and connection? Let's vote in alignment with these values. If humans are hungry and unhoused, they are desperate and do desperate things. None of us are free until all of us are free!

Moving forward together,  
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**From:** Libby Merrill <libby.merrill@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 28, 2026 12:07 PM  
**To:** Senate Finance; Sen. DiPalma, Louis P.; Sen. Lawson, Valarie J  
**Cc:** Sen. Mack, Tiara T.  
**Subject:** Support for Senate Bill 2361 - The Wealth Tax

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Dear President Lawson, Committee Chair DiPalma and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I am writing today in support of Senate Bill 2361, also known as the Wealth Tax. I am a resident of East Providence and a constituent of Senate President Lawson.

The state of Rhode Island needs to take audacious steps to raise additional revenue. As a state we were already struggling to fund essential services like public transit and Medicare reimbursement. This state funding gap is set to get much worse in 2027 as more provisions of the Big Beautiful Bill come into effect.

RI Senate Bill 2361 is part of a multiple bill package, known as the "Fair Share for Rhode Island Package," which also includes a higher income tax and a higher property tax on larger properties.

This bill would tax world-wide wealth at 1%. That amount of money would be very small compared to total wealth. For the wealthiest people in the state though, it would capture their full wealth, not just their property in the state or the income they earned in the state.

The wealthiest people in Rhode Island should be accountable to paying their fair share to the state, no matter how much income they bring in. Income from a job is the way that middle and working class people measure our wealth because we usually don't have other forms of wealth.

We all know that wealthy people do not hold most of their wealth in income. They hold it in stocks, bonds, annuities and properties, among other assets. These assets need to be taxed by the state of Rhode Island to ensure the wealthiest of our residents help make up the gap in our budget. They are getting a tax break at the federal level as the state is losing federal funding for many programs. The state needs additional revenue to make up that gap.

Thank you Senator Mack for sponsoring this bill.

Sincerely,

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