



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**  
**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF COMMERCE**

*Submitted via email*

June 11, 2024

The Honorable Representative Marvin L. Abney  
Chair, House Finance Committee  
State House  
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: H. 7927 – Relating to Taxation – Taxation of Banks**

Dear Chair Abney and Members of the Committee,

I write on behalf of the Executive Office of Commerce (“Commerce”) in support of House Bill 7927.

Commerce supports this legislation as it provides financial institutions in Rhode Island with the opportunity to elect a single sales factor apportionment methodology for calculating corporate income tax—which is simpler and more competitive than the three-factor apportionment methodology currently utilized for financial institutions operating in Rhode Island.

If this legislation is passed into law, Rhode Island will be on par with Massachusetts by offering a single sales factor methodology for taxing financial institutions which is vital to remaining economically competitive with our neighboring states and retaining important financial institutions such as Citizens Bank and others in Rhode Island.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elizabeth M. Tanner".

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Elizabeth M. Tanner, Esq.  
Secretary of Commerce

CC. Honorable Members of the House Finance Committee  
Representative Joseph J. Solomon  
Christopher O’Brien, Committee Clerk