



**THE RHODE ISLAND  
SMALL BUSINESS  
COALITION**

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**Testimony in support of H-7489**

Honorable Chairperson Abney and members of the House Finance Committee:

I am the Founder and Chair of RI Small Business Coalition, an organization of over 1500 small businesses here in Rhode Island. And we are advocating on behalf of our small businesses that grow when Rhode Island becomes a state built for small businesses. As part of our mission to make Rhode Island a more small business friendly state, I am **strongly support H-7489**.

Lowering the corporate minimum tax will help reduce a burden for small businesses throughout Rhode Island. When we regularly survey our members of the RI Small Business Coalition, eliminating or reducing the Corporate Minimum Tax is consistently an issue raised that would help their businesses—and help new businesses opening—in our state.

Thank you to Representative Solomon and his co-sponsors on H-7489. Respectfully, I urge you to pass H-7489 forward to the full House for passage this session. Thank you for your consideration.

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