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Representative Marvin Abney, Chair  
RI House Finance Committee

Dear Chairman Abney and members of the House Finance Committee,

I am writing in support of House Bill 6189, also known as the "Taylor Swift Tax."

I've lived in Providence for close to seven years, after moving here from New York, with a pitstop in Newport. In this time, my partner and I have been pushed out of two homes because our landlords (who lived out of state) sold the places for profit, one of them while still claiming a homesteading exception. A state with crumbling infrastructure, where homelessness has increased by 35% and the public transit system barely covers the basic needs of residents (while yearly fighting back cuts) requires funding. And the best, most equitable way to get that funding is to tax the rich.

Respectfully,  
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