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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."

My feeling about this act is that it should be common sense: if someone can afford to pay over \$800,000 to purchase a home that they do not inhabit full-time (if at all), then they can certainly afford to pay taxes that will support the communities where those homes are located. This logic makes even more sense if you consider that their choice to inhabit that second home can place additional strain on existing local services that would be offset by additional tax revenue from this act. For those without plans to occupy these homes, this act would incentivize them to add the homes back to the real estate market and thereby increase the number of homes available for sale. In all of these scenarios, Rhode Island communities win. Thank you for your consideration!

Respectfully, Susan Chakmakian